

Ethics Committee Meeting Minutes - *Approved*

Date: February 7, 2011

The meeting began at 7 pm in the Yorktown Board Room.

Members attending: Ira Forman, Robert Garofalo, Richard Rubenstein, Joan Landzberg, Laurie Noonan

Non-voting member/Ethics Board Counsel attending via conference call: Jeannette Koster

1. Regular Business:

- a. The minutes of the January 10, 2011 minutes were reviewed and approved as amended.
- b. Attendance was noted.

2. President's Comments:

- a. Richard indicated that he attended the Town Board Work Session on January 25, 2011.
- b. Richard noted that the Town Board members expressed concerns regarding the recommended revised Disclosure form being presented, as well as the recommended revisions to the Town Ethics Code.

3. New Business:

- a. Comments submitted to date by the Town Board Members and others who are required to complete the Disclosure Form were reviewed by the Committee.
- b. Jeannette provided suggestions for working with and addressing the Board member's concerns. Recommended revisions to the Disclosure Form from Steven Leventhal were also discussed.
- c. The Ethics Committee members expressed concern due to the approaching deadline for distribution of the Disclosure Form and the amount of time that will be needed to make suggested revisions that will be accepted by the Town Board.
- d. The Committee unanimously voted to continue to proceed to make revisions to the draft Disclosure Form.
- e. New revisions to the form included:
 - i. Section 5 - Political Contributions – This section will be removed.
 - ii. Sections 8 & 9 - Money Owed -
 1. The exclusions will be expanded to any debts owed in sections #8 and #9 to all commercial institutions. These will not be required to be reported.
 2. Remove elected officials and policymaker terminology from the Form.
 - iii. Section 6 – Relatives in Town's Service - Exclude seasonal employees.

4. Next Steps:

- a. Richard will work on the above mentioned revisions to the form.
- b. The Ethics Committee agreed to convene again to continue to review the submitted comments from the Town Board and others who are required to complete the Disclosure Form and to proceed with appropriate revisions.
- c. Laurie will contact the Town Clerk to notify her of the next Ethics Committee meeting that is to be held in the Town Hall Board Room on February 17, 2011 at 7pm and to request that the next meeting date and time be posted on the website.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 17, 2011 at 7pm.

Minutes submitted by Laurie Noonan