

Ethics Board Meeting Minutes - Final  
Date: February 26, 2015

The regular meeting of the Ethics Board began at 7:30 pm at the Town Hall Conference Room.

Members attending were: Richard Rubenstein, Chair, Aviah Pierson, Albert Durante, and Laurie Noonan, Secretary.

1. Regular Business:

- a. Attendance was noted.
- b. Minutes of the November meeting were reviewed, corrected and approved with noted corrections.

2. New Business

- a. Rich had recently spoken with Michael Grace and other members of the Town Board, indicating that changes to the Town Code of Ethics are needed, as our Board is ineffective.
- b. Our board unanimously agreed that it is absurd for us to meet and conduct complaint investigations without decision-making authority. We are not serving a purpose without that authority.
- c. Our board agreed that it would be appropriate to wait until we have a full Town Board to meet with all of the Board members to discuss the necessary changes to the Code of Ethics, to give our board decision-making authority.
- d. Future discussions need to focus on clarifying the purpose and role of the Ethics Board and what actions constitute an ethics violation.
- e. Rich agreed to contact Michael regarding our need for a fifth Board member.
- f. Albert agreed to revise the findings for an outstanding complaint.

Next Steps:

The board agreed to wait until the upcoming Town Board elections were concluded and the Town Board was full, to request a work session meeting with the Board.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Minutes submitted by Laurie Noonan