

Ethics Committee Closed Session Minutes - Approved
Date: Sept 17, 2014

The Closed Session meeting began at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall Conference Room.

Members attending: Richard Rubenstein, Chairman; Joan Landzberg and Laurie Noonan, Secretary.

1. Informal Complaint Review:

- a. Board members met with a Complainant who wanted to file an Ethics Complaint against particular Town Board members for statements made to the Zoning Board against the Complainant.
- b. Complainant alleged that another Town Board member removed a book from Town Hall that contained personnel records such as salaries of staff and Town Board members. The book was taken to Panera Bread restaurant, where it was viewed by another party who was not a member of the Town Board at the time of the alleged incident. Reportedly, a third party took a photo of the subjects of the complaint viewing the book. This third party reported the book viewing to the Complainant.

2. Next Steps:

- a. The Board found that the first complaint does not rise to the level of an ethics violation, as any negative statements against the Complainant, that may have been made for political reasons, do not violate the Town's Code of Ethics.
- b. The second allegation would only be considered a violation of the Code of Ethics if there was proof that the Town Board member who removed the personnel records, benefitted financially from his actions.

Minutes submitted by Laurie Noonan