

**East Greenbush Board of Ethics**  
**Minutes from Workshop/Meeting**  
**April 6, 2016**

Members present: Kathleen Luria, Jessica Lansing, Judy Ehrlich, Guy Warner,

Attorney Joe Slater was present

There were two members of the public in attendance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Minutes from the previous meeting were not read because they were not available.

The following sections of the Code were reviewed in great detail and changes were made from previous draft versions:

Section 2 - Definitions

Section (h) Added to the definition of relatives were step-parent, step-sibling, and sibling's spouse for now. This definition will be finalized after the board reviews the Code in its entirety.

Section 16: Political Activity and Solicitations

This section garnered much discussion including from the members of the public.

Board members were again split (2-2) on suggested revisions to Sec. 16(g).

Since the board could not come to a consensus on this section the decision was made to leave the change in with a note to the Town Board that the BOE could not make a unanimous decision regarding Sec. 16 (g)

Changes to these sections concluded the review of the sections of the code as requested by Supervisor Conway. The Board then proceeded to reviewing the rest of the Code.

Section 2 – Definitions

Section (e) Added to the definition of Town officer or employee appointed independent contractors.

Section 3 – Applicability - No changes

Section 4 – Financial Disclosure - Previously reviewed.

Section 5 – Prohibition on Use of Town Position for Personal or Private Gain - No changes

Section 6 – Disclosure of Interest in Legislation and Other Matters – No changes

Section 7 – Recusal and Abstention

(a) changed the word municipal to town

(b) changed the word municipal to town. At this point Lee Cookson brought to the board's attention that in a previous Zoning Board meeting regarding the casino two members of the zoning board did not attend the meeting because they recused themselves; however, this was not on the record before the zoning board. They also did not complete the recusal form. The town attorney, Dave Gruenberg indicated they did not have to complete because it was not required by the Code of Ethics. None of the current ethics board had knowledge of this form. The board reviewed the Recusal form. After much discussion it was decided that since it was not included in the current Code and is redundant to Section 7 (b) the decision was made to delete the Recusal Form from the Town's website and not include it in the new Code when adopted.

This concluded the board's review of the code for this meeting.

The next meeting of the Ethics Board will be held in April 15, 2016 at 6:30.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Kathleen Luria

April 11, 2016