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A New Code of Ethics

The Board of Ethics is undertaking a major revision of the Town's Code of Ethics. The goal is to take the politics out of Town government and give us a strong Code that protects the public interest and demands exemplary conduct from Town officials. We now have a full complement of members on our Board of Ethics. The current board consists of:

Kathleen Luria, Chair

Guy Warner

Jessica Lansing, Town official

Cheryl Vallee

Judith Ehrlich

For the first time, the Board of Ethics has its own attorney, Joe Slater. Joe was a member of the original Board of Ethics where he helped craft the original version of the Code. Access to its own attorney will help make the Board more independent and prevent conflicts of interest when ethics complaints are filed against members of the Town Board.

The Board of Ethics will be holding a series of public workshops to review proposed amendments to the existing Code. Each workshop will focus on two sections which will be reviewed in detail and discussed with members of the public. After the public workshops are finished, the Board of Ethics will prepare a complete draft of a new Code that will be submitted to the Town Board for its approval. At that point, a public hearing will be held before the revised Code of Ethics can be approved.

The first public workshop is February 16th at 7:00 p.m. in Town Hall. The sections covered at this workshop will be:

Section 2(h): The definition of "relatives;"

Section 4: Financial disclosure.

I urge residents to participate in this process. Not only will your participation result in a stronger Code of Ethics but it gives you a chance to tell your elected officials what you expect of them.