



## ***Ethics Board for the Town of New Paltz***

Meeting Minutes  
Friday, January 29th, 2016

**\*\* Accepted and Approved at Monday, November 14th, 2016 annual meeting \*\***

### **Call to order**

Mary Woodburn called to order the public meeting of the **Ethics Board** at 18:08 on Friday, January 29th, 2016

- Meeting was held at the Town of New Paltz Community Center.

### **Roll call**

- Mary Woodburn, Kelly O'Donnell, Therese Sibon, Daniel Torres and Philipe Robbins

- **Public Comment**

No comment(s)

### **Approval of minutes from last meeting**

The minutes from the December 4th, 2015 were amended accepted by quorum.

### **Agenda:** Provided by Mary Woodburn

- Unfinished Business:  
FDS - Financial Disclosure Statement
- New Business:  
New Liaison: Mr. Daniel Torres  
New member search  
Clarification of Advisory Opinion Delivery  
FDS : 2016

### **Minutes:**

Unfinished business discussion:

- Current standing for 2016 FDS remittance is at 71%. New member requests and reminders will be resent for completion by February 29th, 2016.

New business Discussion:

- Mary and the Board recognize and welcome Mr. Daniel Torres as our new liaison to the Town Board.

Mary received new applicant emails, dated back to June of 2015. Prior to the date of this meeting, our board had not received anything from the Town Board or the Supervisor's office. The 4 applicants are as follows:

Jessica Decker; Ami Fixler; Jonathan Cohen & Vinny Tiberia. A review of the applicants followed. The Ethics Board decided to not have someone who is - or has been - politically active for an elected position in the town of New Paltz as a general rule. The board decide to pursue with Jessica Decker and Ami Fixler. Kathy Preston will be asked by Mary and Daniel to request an interview ASAP.

- The board discussed our "advisory opinion purpose". Daniel Torres will remind the Town Board of our responsibility: that our board is strictly advisory and not investigative. Should the Ethics board receive an inquiry that requires, what we feel is an investigative nature, the Board will forward the inquiry to the Town Board with the details of what information is needed to render a decision.

**Next Meeting:** Monday, November 14th, 2016

**Adjournment:** Mary Woodburn adjourned the meeting at 18:59 PM.

**Minutes Submitted:** Philipe Robbins

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