

TOWN OF WOODSTOCK ETHICS BOARD 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

The Ethics and Disclosure Law of the Town of Woodstock, Section VIII Ethics Board, C Powers and Duties, number 8 requires the Ethics Board to “... prepare and submit an annual report to the Town Board summarizing the activities of the Ethics Board, listing any recommended changes to the text or administration of the Local Law.” Herewith is our 2017 annual report:

MEMBERS:

Allison Dodd - Serving 3 year term (2016, 2017, 2018)
Paul Washington – Serving 3 year term (2016, 2017, 2018)
Neil Ratner – Serving 3 year term (2015, 2016, 2017)
Iris York – Serving 3 year term (2017, 2018, 2019)

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

The Ethics Board decided not to appoint an official Secretary, but to continue rotating the responsibilities. There is no obligation under the Ethics and Disclosure Law to have a secretary, but we are required to elect a Chairperson, and Allison Dodd was re-elected as the Chairperson.

VOLUNTEER DAY, AUGUST 2017:

Members attended the Town’s Volunteer day.

ANNUAL DISCLOSURE FORMS:

Performed review of annual disclosure forms.

ETHICS INQUIRIES: The following matters were resolved without the need to notify the Town Board pursuant to Section 71-8C(6) of the Ethics and Disclosure Law: Cases 2017-1, 2017-2, and 2017-3. The following matters required additional consideration into 2018: Cases 2017-4, 2017-5, and 2017-6.

ETHICS LAW UPDATES:

In May 2017, the Town Board approved, with certain amendments, the revisions to Ethics and Disclosure Law proposed by the Ethics Board.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Ethics Board recommended revisions to the Annual Disclosure Statement to be completed by Town employees.

2017 Meetings:

The Ethics Board met 10 times during 2017 (January 30, February 27, March 4, March 27, June 19, August 8, September 8, September 18, November 13, and December 18) based on business need.

Respectfully submitted by the Woodstock Ethics Board
Allison Dodd
Neil Ratner
Paul Washington
Iris York