

Board of Ethics  
City of Rye, NY

Approved Minutes

The Board of Ethics of the City of Rye met February 2, 2012 in the Mayor's Conference Room at Rye City Hall. The subject of the meeting was a request by Deputy Mayor Peter Jovanovich to review two specific questions submitted to the Board on January 25, 2012.

In attendance were appointed members John L. Alfano, Edward Dunn and Elizabeth Griffin Matthews and ex officio members City Manager Scott Pickup and Corporation Counsel Kristen Wilson.

Beth Matthews, chair, called the meeting to order at 10:05 am. There was a quorum to conduct deliberations.

The Board discussed procedural and operating issues and determined that responding to Deputy Mayor Jovanovich's questions would require an executive session. John Alfano moved that the board go into executive session to discuss issues with potential personnel impact. Ted Dunn seconded the motion, which was approved 5-0. Before the board went into executive session, it heard a lengthy statement from Ray Tartaglione, in which he offered his opinion on the questions to be discussed.

The Board went into executive session at 10:30 am. During the session, the Board interviewed City Assessor Noreen Whitty and City Building Inspector Maureen Eckman.

The Board determined:

1. Mayor French neither sought nor received preferential treatment by City employees with respect to STAR exemptions for his properties at 13 Richard Place and 46 Meadow Place. Other property- and homeowners in a similar position received the same treatment.
2. Mayor French neither sought nor received preferential treatment by City employees in the manner the City and its Building Department handled a complaint regarding a potential violation of the building code at 13 Richard Place. The potential violation by the Mayor was handled in the same way that similar building code issues are resolved with other homeowners each year.

The Board returned to public session. Matthews delivered the determinations and the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am.

Respectfully submitted by Beth Matthews