

- C. No town employee shall use or attempt to use his official position to secure unwarranted privileges or exemptions for himself or others.
- D. No town employee shall engage in any transaction as representative or agent of the town with any business entity in which he has a direct or indirect financial interest that might reasonably tend to conflict with the proper discharge of his official duties.
- E. A town employee shall not by his conduct give reasonable basis for the impression that any person can improperly influence him or unduly enjoy his favor in the performance of his official duties, or that he is affected by the kinship, rank, position or influence of any party or person.
- F. Each town employee shall abstain from making personal investments in enterprises which he has reason to believe may be directly involved in decisions to be made by him or which will otherwise create substantial conflict between his duty in the public interest and his private interest.
- G. Each town employee shall endeavor to pursue a course of conduct which will not raise suspicion among the public that he is likely to be engaged in acts that are in violation of his trust.
- H. No town employee employed on a full-time basis nor any firm or association of which such employee is a member nor corporation a substantial portion of the stock of which is owned or controlled directly or indirectly by such employee, shall sell goods or services to any person, firm, corporation or association which is licensed or whose rates are fixed by the town in which such employee serves or is employed.

§ 17-6. Penalties for offenses.

In addition to any penalty contained in any other provision of law, any such town employee who shall knowingly and intentionally violate any of the provisions of this chapter may be fined, suspended or removed from office or employment in the manner provided by law.

**ARTICLE III
Board of Ethics**

§ 17-7. Board established.

There is hereby established a Board of Ethics consisting of three members to be appointed by the Town Board, all of whom reside in the Town of Grafton, and who shall serve without compensation and at the pleasure of the Town Board of the Town of Grafton. A majority of such members shall be persons other than town employment but shall include at least one member who is an elected or appointed town employee of the Town of Grafton.

§ 17-8. Powers and duties.

The Board of Ethics established hereunder shall render advisory opinions to town employees on written request and upon request of the Town Board make recommendations to such Town Board as to any amendments of this chapter. The opinions of the Board of Ethics shall be



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BOARD OF ETHICS

Michael Rizzo
Michael Crandall
Sister Kenan McGowan

Active
Active
Inactive-Sister Kenan McGowan has passed away and we are in the process of appointing someone else in her place.

To contact anyone on the Board of Ethics, please call the Town of Grafton at (518) 279-3565.

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[HISTORY: Adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Grafton at time of adoption of Code (see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. I). Amendments noted where applicable.]

ARTICLE I
Intent of Town Board

§ 17-1. Statement of legislative intent.

The Town Board of the Town of Grafton recognizes that there are state statutory provisions mandating towns to establish rules and standards of ethical conduct for public officers and employees which, if observed, can enhance public confidence in local government. In the light of a tendency today on the part of some people to downgrade our local governments and to discredit our public servants and our free institutions generally, it appears necessary that every effort be made to assure the highest caliber of public administration of this town as part of our state's important system of local government. It is the purpose of this chapter to implement this objective through the establishment of standards of conduct, to provide for punishment of violation of such standards and to create a Board of Ethics to render advisory opinions to the town's officers and employees as provided for herein.

§ 17-2. Construal of provisions.

The standards, prohibited acts and procedures established herein are in addition to any prohibited acts, conflicts of interest provisions or procedures prescribed by statute of the State of New York and also in addition to common law rules and judicial decisions relating to the