## **RESOLUTION 2021-012**

## **Introducing Local Law No. 4 of 2021 Amending Chapter 15 "Ethics" of the Village Code**

At a meeting of the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Millbrook ("Village Board"), held at the Village of Millbrook Village Hall on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., Village Mayor, Tim Collopy called the meeting to order, and Mayor Collopy, seconded by Trustee Herzog, moved the following resolution, to introduce the following proposed local law, to be known as Proposed Local Law No. 4 of 2021, entitled "A Local Law Amending Chapter 15 'Ethics' of the Village Code to provide that the Code of Ethics of the Village of Millbrook shall be that as adopted by the Village Board by Resolution" as follows:

BE IT ENACTED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Millbrook as follows:

<u>Section 1</u>. Legislative intent: The Village Board of Trustees has determined it will be in the best interests of the Village and its residents for the Village of Millbrook Code of Ethics to be adopted by Resolution of the Village Board rather than by local law. The Village Board believes that adopting and amending the Code of Ethics by Resolution rather than by local law will be a more efficient way to maintain a timely and up to date Code of Ethics. The Village Board intends to review the Code of Ethics on at least an annual basis and make changes when necessary by Resolution.

<u>Section 2</u>. The existing Sections 15-1 through 15-14 inclusive, of Chapter 15 "Code of Ethics" of the Village Code of the Village of Millbrook, are hereby repealed in their entirety and replaced with the following language.

## "§15-1 Purpose and Intent.

Pursuant to the provisions of § 806 of the New York General Municipal Law, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Millbrook recognizes that there are rules of ethical conduct for public officers and employees which must be observed if a high degree of moral conduct is to be obtained and if public confidence is to be maintained in our unit of local government. The

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Village of Millbrook shall maintain a Code of Ethics in the form as adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Millbrook by Resolution in accordance with \$806 of the New York General Municipal Law. The Village Board shall annually review the Code of Ethics and amend it as necessary by further Resolution.

<u>Section 3</u>. This local law shall take effect as of the date of filing with the New York Secretary of State.

Mayor Collopy advised the Board of Trustees that, pursuant to the Municipal Home Rule Law of the State of New York, it will be necessary to hold a public hearing upon this proposed local law. Mayor Collopy offered the following resolution which was seconded by Trustee Herzog, who moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, on July 14, 2021, Mayor Collopy introduced this local law for the Village of Millbrook, to be known as "A Local Law Amending Chapter 15 'Ethics' of the Village Code to provide that the Code of Ethics of the Village of Millbrook shall be that as adopted by the Village Board by Resolution."

RESOLVED, that a public hearing be held in relation to the proposed local law as set forth in the form of notice, hereinafter provided, at which hearing parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard, to be held at the Millbrook Firehouse, 20 Front St, Millbrook, New York, on August 11, 2021, at 6:00 o'clock, p.m., Prevailing Time, and that notice of said hearing shall be published in the official newspaper of general circulation in the Village of Millbrook, by the Village Clerk, at least five (5) days before such hearing and that such notice shall be in the following form:

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## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

TAKE NOTICE, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Millbrook will hold a public hearing at the Millbrook Firehouse, 20 Front St, Millbrook, New York on August 11, 2021 at 6:00 o'clock, p.m., on Proposed Local Law No. 4 of the Year 2021, entitled "A Local Law Amending Chapter 15 'Ethics' of the Village Code to provide that the Code of Ethics of the Village of Millbrook shall be that as adopted by the Village Board by Resolution."

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that copies of the aforesaid proposed local law will be available for examination at the office of the Clerk of the Village of Millbrook, at the Village Hall, 35 Merritt Avenue, Millbrook, New York between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and then between 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on all business days between the date of this notice and the date of the public hearing.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that all persons interested and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard on said proposal at the time and place aforesaid.

DATED: Millbrook, New York

July 14, 2021

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The foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote which resulted as follows:

Mayor Collopy Aye

Trustee Herzog Aye

Trustee Contino Absent

Trustee Arbogast Absent

Trustee Anson Aye

DATED: Millbrook, New York

July 14, 2021

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