



## Board of Ethics

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To: Town Board of Cambria  
From: Town of Cambria Board of Ethics  
Date: January 6, 2026  
Re: Request for Ethics Standards Complaint Statute of Limitations

To the Town Board of Cambria,

It has come to the attention of the current Town of Cambria Board of Ethics that there may be need for a revision to the Chapter 10 Ethics Code. While discussing matters at our last meeting, we realized that part of one complaint was denoting events that occurred over three years ago. It is the opinion of the Board of Ethics that a time lapse of over 90 days makes it more than onerous to investigate a complainant's rendering of events and the facts thereof.

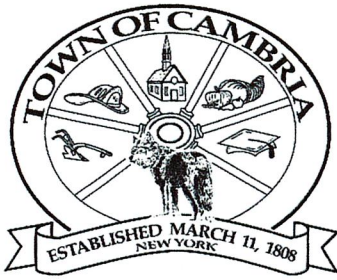
Please accept this letter as a formal request to re-evaluate the present Town of Cambria Ethics Code and to include a window of no more than 90-days to present a formally written and signed complaint to the Board of Ethics.

We appreciate your attention to this suggestion and welcome further discussion if needed.

Respectfully submitted,

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To: Town Board of Cambria, Sanborn, New York  
From: Town of Cambria Board of Ethics  
Gina L. Merlo, Chairperson

Date: January 6, 2026  
Subject: Ethics Matter 2025-001

To Whom it May Concern,

At their regularly scheduled meeting held on January 5, 2025, the Town of Cambria Board of Ethics investigated, discussed, and rendered a decision regarding Ethics Matter 2025-001. As noted in public record, this meeting was fully attended by the following:

Linda Hardt, Committee Member  
Gina Merlo, Chairperson  
Ruth Pattinson, Committee Member  
Abraham Platt, Esq., Town of Cambria Attorney

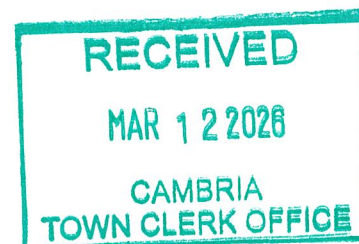
It is the formal opinion reached by consensus of the Town of Cambria Board of Ethics, that Matter 2025-001 does not constitute a violation as outlined by the *Town of Cambria Ethics File, Chapter 10, Article II. Code of Ethics, Standards 10-5.*

While a perceived conflict was outlined by the complainant, said complaint does not fall under the New York State legislative intent to establish an obvious prohibition of self dealing. For a complaint to be considered an ethical violation, said action must result in personal monetary profit, compensatory favor, or the disclosure of confidential information designed to enhance one's private interest.

It is hereby the recommendation of the Town of Cambria Board of Ethics that Matter 2025-001 be dismissed.

Respectfully Submitted,

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To: Town Board of Cambria, Sanborn, New York  
From: Town of Cambria Board of Ethics  
Gina L. Merlo, Chairperson

Date: January 6, 2025  
Subject: Ethics Matter 2025-002

To Whom it May Concern,

At their regularly scheduled meeting held on January 5, 2025, the Town of Cambria Board of Ethics investigated, discussed, and rendered a decision regarding Ethics Matter 2025-002. As noted in public record, this meeting was fully attended by the following:

Linda Hardt, Committee Member  
Gina Merlo, Chairperson

Ruth Pattinson, Committee Member  
Abraham Platt, Esq., Town of Cambria Attorney

It is the formal opinion reached by consensus of the Town of Cambria Board of Ethics, that Matter 2025-002 does not constitute a violation as outlined by the *Town of Cambria Ethics File, Chapter 10, Article II. Code of Ethics, Standards 10-5.*

While the matters discussed by the complainant in their letter and rebuttal documentation reference their belief that they are the victim of potential criminal offenses, the Town of Cambria Board of Ethics has not found said complaints meet the criteria for an Ethics violation as outlined under the New York State legislative intent to establish an obvious prohibition of self dealing. For a complaint to be considered an ethical violation, said action must result in personal monetary profit, compensatory favor, or the disclosure of confidential information designed to enhance one's private interest.

It is hereby the recommendation of the Town of Cambria Board of Ethics that Matter 2025-002 be dismissed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gina L. Merlo, Chairperson

