

Contoocook Chamber of Commerce

April 4, 2017

Meeting began at 12:15 p.m. at The Covered Bridge Restaurant.

In attendance: Brian Cressy, LeeAnne Vance, Jan Hale, Susan Yonkers, Sara Persechino

Bylaws: Reviewed the by laws but will wait to vote on updates until they are reviewed by a lawyer.

- Dues: Fee structure--\$180/year or \$18/month for businesses with 1-20 employees; \$250/year or \$25/month for businesses with 20+ employees; \$90/year or \$9/month for artisans or nonprofits.
 - Also discussed other ways to generate profit for the Chamber including events and speakers to which members could attend for free but there would be a cost to non-members.

Budget:

- Hopkinton Economic Development Committee gave the Chamber seed money of \$1,000 to get started. Expenses so far include \$400 to apply for 401(c)6 status, \$600 for software, \$65 for domain names, \$65 for website template, and \$50 to register with the state.
- Polkadots gets one year of free membership in trade for building and maintaining the Chamber website.

Membership Outreach: We will combine all the various business lists we have and go through to divide the list for membership outreach.

Board Positions:

- President—1 year—LeeAnne Vance (owner of Indigo Blues). Motion made by Sara Persechino, seconded by Brian Cressy. Approved unanimously.
- VP—2 years—Susan Yonkers (owner of Polkadots). Motion made by Brian Cressy, seconded by LeeAnne Vance. Approved unanimously.
- Treasurer—2 years—Jan Hale (owner of Covered Bridge Frame Shop). Motion made by LeeAnne Vance, seconded by Susan Yonkers. Approved unanimously.
- Secretary—1 year—Sara Persechino (co-owner of Contoocook Stoneworks and independent communications consultant). Motion made by Susan Yonkers, seconded by Brian Cressy. Approved unanimously.
- At Large—2 years—Brian Cressy. Motion made by Jane Hale, seconded by Sara Persechino. Approved unanimously.

Insurance: Brian will contact companies about liability insurance for the Chamber.

Meetings: Regular, monthly Chamber meetings will be held on the first Thursday of every month. The next meeting will be held on May 4th at 12:00 p.m. at Dimitri's. (Susan's birthday – get a cake).

Business After Hours: The first CCC Business After Hours event will be held on Wednesday, May 10th at 6:00 p.m. at Greenblott & O'Rourke.

- Sara will invite our elected officials
- LeeAnne will invite other chambers
- Jan will send notice to the Town Crier

Service Project: Volunteer to do the Contoocook business district for the Town Wide Road Clean Up Day on May 6th at 9:00 a.m. Sara will reach out to the Hopkinton Recycling Committee to confirm.

Concord Monitor Stay-cation Edition: LeeAnne and Sara will work on this together.