

## WARNER BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

### March 17, 2009 Meeting Minutes

In attendance:      Marc Violette              Brenda Melendy              Laura Buono  
                                 Ginger Marsh              Laura French              Kay Steen  
                                 Dan Watts              Chris Daniels              Rhonda Rood  
                                 Pat Long              Maryann Plass              Cheryl Blais

- 1 – Meeting minutes were reviewed for February 17 and corrections made. Maryann Plass, Secretary, will revise and email completed copy to Dan Watts for posting to the website. February 17 minutes were then approved.
- 2 – Treasurers report made by Ginger Marsh: \$1331.91 in checking, \$2357.76 in the brochure account, and \$283.62 is in the Warner Beautification fund account. This report was approved.
- 3 - Marc asked Dan what the membership enrollment looks like so far, and Dan advised that not everyone has paid yet. The website shows the list with a notation of “please pay” next to those not yet paid.
- 4 – Marc advised that he was contacted recently by Rob Bryant at the Lake Sunapee Chamber of Commerce and was asked if the Chamber could do anything to help the WBA. Rob went to the last Retailers meeting and spoke also. The feeling of some people about joining the Sunapee Chamber was not positive and it was stated that we (the WBA) would get so involved in that Chamber that we may get sidetracked in what we need to do for Warner and the WBA. Rob may come to our meeting next month to speak.
- 5 – Further discussion was held on the bulletin board – Marc asked John Warner to come and show the plans at today’s meeting, but he didn’t show up. Kay recommended that the WBA refrain from donating anything towards it until we see the plans. Most agreed.
- 6 – Kay advised that an Open House regarding the Time Bank at Town Hall will be held on Sunday, March 22.
- 7 – Some members brought up the discussion again about the WBA becoming a Chamber of Commerce. Rhonda asked what is needed to become a chamber. Marc and other members advised it would entail filing paperwork with the Secretary of State, making articles of incorporation, etc. Rhonda suggested a sub-committee be put together to gather all information that would be needed for proceed further. A motion was made to proceed to become a Chamber of Commerce --- all were in favor and the motion was approved. The sub-committee meeting will be held on March 23 at 12 pm at the Foothills Restaurant.
- 8 - Candidates night was successful according to all. Kay commented that Marc was a good Moderator and kept things under control and the meeting moving.
- 9 - Cheryl Blais gave us a status on the newsletter and advised she sent an email out to everyone asking for further assistance, however, most said they never received it. She will re-send and stated there’s an ad sheet already put together and she needs ads and articles.
- 10- Laura Buono advised there were 46 pints of blood donated at the February Blood Drive which was low, however, there was a snow storm that day. Next drive will be in May.
- 11- Laura advised the Town budget was passed recently and felt there was a lot of support from The town this year; the Town was in court for 2 lawsuits which were won; exit 9 is “up in the Air” – there is only preliminary pricing at this time and state funds are trying to be obtained.
- 12- Dan Watts said the Planning Board met with the State about exit 9. There are 3 designs currently being proposed: traffic light, roundabout, and stop sign. All cost over \$1 million.
- 13- Marc advised there’s 1 spot open for a Budget Committee member.
- 14- Laura advised there is a part time bookkeeping position available at the Town.
- 15- Dan advised the Planning Board has a “visioning session” on April 20 where the master plan Will be reviewed --- how it’s been, how it will be, etc. This is done every 10 years.