

ASHFORD BUSINESS OWNERS ASSOCIATION
Notes of Regular Meeting
Wednesday, July 19, 2006

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 7:18 p.m. by President Bryan Becker

Attendee Introductions

No new members attended

Hear from the Public and/or Invited Guests

None

-Secretary Metsack noted that Ron Anderson is working to connect with Roger Adams of the Windham Area Chamber of Commerce and we hope to have him present at the August meeting.

Report of the By-Laws Subcommittee

President Becker read through the attached draft By-Laws created by the Subcommittee.

Discussion took place regarding several portions of the document and further review and discussion will be necessary at the August meeting. In preparation for this discussion, members should specifically review the following:

- Minimum attendance rate
- Failure to comply with membership requirements . . .
- Officers' duties and terms
- The Executive Committee and Alternates
- Special Meetings
- The Membership Quorum
- Committees

Old Business

Discussion resumed regarding how to increase membership, especially for the September meeting when officer elections and a vote on the by-laws will take place. Neither telephone calls nor letters/postcards to businesses in town has resulted in a great increase in meeting attendance. Members are asked to continuously present alternative ideas.

President Becker suggested personal hand-written notes and will bring a sample next month.

Vice President Sentivany suggested and offered to draft an ad and/or press release for the Chronicle, Ashford Citizen, Reminder, Horizons, Neighbors and similar publications. It was suggested that for August the BOA publish the entire draft By-Laws in order to demonstrate that this is a solid, organized association and

hopefully draw more interest. Karan Oberg volunteered to work with VP Sentivany in drafting such an ad/press release.

New Business

None

Confirm Date, Time, Location & Agenda for Next Meeting

Secretary Metsack confirmed that the Town Offices Lower Level Meeting Room has been reserved for the BOA on the third Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. each month through December 2006.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday August 16th.

The Agenda will consist of:

Attendee Introductions

Hear from the Public and/or Invited Guests

~Roger Adams, Executive Director
Windham Region Chamber of Commerce, Inc.

Update from the By-Laws Subcommittee

Old Business Discussion

~Efforts to increase attendance
~Promotion & prep for September 20th meeting

New Business Discussion

~Review of correspondence received

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Adjourn

President Becker adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail D. Metsack
Interim Recording/Corresponding Secretary