

TUXEDO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

January 24, 2007
MINUTES

Members Present:

Dale Mottola, Applied Systems Group
Gary Phelps, Gary Phelps Carpentry
Gregory Stevens, Gregory Stevens Inc.
Jerry Mottola, Jerico/ U.S.P.S
Natalie Pearson, Keeper Stores
Bill McMullen, McMullen's Tavern
Paul and Regina Mahoney, Outback Choppers
Pam Cromley, Pamela Cromley Real Estate
Don Blum, Shopper's Service
Natalie Pearson, Spinkeeper.com
Dick Spiegel, SOS Fuels
Greg Duffy, Sterling Portfolio Management
Betty Ann Eberling, Take a Break
Lt. David Gannon, Town of Tuxedo Police
Robert Thompson, Tuxedo Pk Preferred Properties
Jim Burger, Tuxedo Park School
Sue Heywood, Tuxedo Performing Arts
Andrew Berish, Tuxedo Silver Dollars
Mike Donovan, Tuxedo Wine and Liquor

Others Present:

Dan Castricone, Tuxedo Councilperson
Joe Zanetti, 09-11-01 Scholarship Foundation

Call to Order:

Dale Mottola, President, called the regular monthly meeting of the Tuxedo Chamber of Commerce to order at 5:37PM on Wednesday, January 24th, 2007 at house of the Tuxedo Volunteer Ambulance Corp

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from the November and December meetings were reviewed and approved by a unanimous vote.

Report on 9-11-01 Scholarship Foundation:

Joe Zanetti was present as secretary of the 09-11-01 Scholarship Foundation. Mr. Zanetti read a letter to the Tuxedo Chamber of Commerce from the Foundation indicating that

the Foundation will continue in existence as long as there are funds to award a scholarship. He then accepted the Chamber's donation in the amount of \$1000.

Presentation to Tuxedo Volunteer Ambulance Corps:

Dale Mottola, President, presented a check in the amount of \$1000 to Pat Flanagan, President of the Tuxedo Volunteer Ambulance Corp. This donation serves as a kick-off to the Corps fundraising campaign in celebration of their 50th year of service to the community. Several members of the Corps were present to accept the donation, including Chamber member Betty Anne Eberling, who also serves on the TVAC Board, and Lisa Spivak, Town Councilperson, TVAC Board member and volunteer.

Other News:

Dan Castricone was present and discussed the Greenwood Lake/Tuxedo School issue. Dan explained the aid that is received from the State of New York and how the funds are distributed. Dan and Senator Morahan are working on figuring how to re-write the laws for better use of the aid.

Dale requested that Dan come back to another Chamber meeting to provide an update on the sign law as well as the town master plan update.

Change in Meeting time for 2007/Varying locations:

It was presented by members of the board at the November meeting that the Chamber change the meeting time to 7PM and vary the meetings location. The next meeting on February 28th will be at 7PM.

Update on By Laws Revision:

A motion by Dick Spiegel was made at the September meeting of which he proposed that the term for the board of directors be changed to a 2 year term instead of the current one year term. The proposed By-Law revision was presented to the Chamber members at the November 2006 meeting. Ballots were mailed to all members subsequent to that meeting with return date of December 22, 2006. Dale mentioned that, according to Chamber bylaws, the vote for any member not returning the ballot automatically goes to a yes vote. There being only one "nay" vote, the proposed By-Law revision was approved. All members of the board of directors will now serve a two year term. To phase in the revised term, Chamber officers will serve a two year term ending in December 2008. Trustees will serve a one year term ending in December 2007, to be followed by two year terms.

Business News:

Susan Heywood from the Tuxedo Performing Arts Group presented to the Chamber the upcoming concert series for 2007. The Tuxedo Performing Arts are looking for business

to help support the scheduled concerts for the year. Please contact Susan if you are interested or need additional information.

Paul Mahoney reported on his experience with advertising on Cablevision. He felt that the cost was very reasonable and had resulted in increased customers at Outback Choppers. Anyone wishing additional information should contact Paul.

Dale attended the ribbon cutting ceremony at Tuxedo Ridge, and is exploring the possibility of having the February Chamber meeting at the ski center.

Dale noted that Mr Lattini, who is in the process of purchasing the Duck Cedar is currently seeking approvals from the town board for the light manufacturing end of his business, appeared before the planning board at its January 9th and was referred to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a use variance.

2007 Chamber Activities:

Dale requested that members think about activities to help benefit business such as the "Spotlight on Business"

Dale also asked the members if we should do the golf outing again and if so, when? After a discussion about scheduling the outing during the spring or fall, Greg Stevens made a motion to have the golf outing in September 2007 and Betty Eberling seconded the motion. Jerry Mottola was also nominated as head of the committee.

Annual Financial Report for 2006:

The Annual Financial Report for 2006 was presented by Greg Stevens and reviewed by chamber members. A motion by Andy Berish and seconded by Betty Ann Eberling to accept the report passed unanimously. A copy of the report can be obtained by contacting Dale.

Approval of 2007 Membership Dues:

At its January 2007 meeting, the Board of Directors agreed to recommend for approval by the membership that yearly dues be kept at \$75. Dale Mottola made a motion that 2007 membership dues be set at \$75. Jerry Mottola seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:04PM