



Meeting notes for regular business meeting on January 9, 2018

**Members Present:**

John DuBois of Sacopeces Eye Care, Jeff Gilliland of Sacopeces Vet Clinic, Beverly Russell of Sacopeces Vet Clinic, Scott Rowley of Scott Design and Photos by Rowley, Ethel Phinney of Cornish UCC, Patty Rowley of Bolt, Cristina Forsyth of Bustle & Grow, Patrick Harrigan of Better Homes and Gardens, Brad Perkins of Maine Real Estate, Tiffany Parent of Finding the Puddles, Heather Newman of The Local Gear, Teresa Drown of Bangor Savings Bank.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

A quorum was established.

**Secretary Report:** Patty Rowley presented the November 2017 Meeting Minutes. Minutes were approved unanimously. The duties of the CAB clerk were passed on to Beverly Russell for 2018.

**Treasurers Report:** Teresa Drown presented the reports for November 2017 and December 2017. CAB has a balance of \$3,954.04 to date. There was an overview discussion of the 2017 budget. All reports were approved unanimously.

**Event/Committee Chairs**

**Membership Committee-** Cristina Forsyth covered creating a closed Facebook group for the membership to communicate. Cristina also discussed creating postings highlighting CAB's involvement in the community and all that CAB does for the community.

**Monthly Featured Business Video-** Patrick Harrigan explained the purpose of the video, to promote membership business with a more in-depth look at what a specific business does. The videos would be at no additional cost to the member. There was a discussion on how to get the project started.

**Scholarship Committee** – Brad Perkins- The second semester payment to the 2017 winner was due. There was a discussion as to contacting the winner to arrange the payment to the school.

**Chamber Research Committee-** Cristina Forsyth- She will be presenting the committees finding to the board at the board meeting later in the month. Highlights: to become a chamber CAB would have to undergo great changes at a significant cost to the organization. A second option is for CAB to remain as is and join an existing chamber. CAB would have all the benefits of belonging to a chamber and those benefits would filter down to the CAB membership to include access to group health insurance rates.

**Strawberry Festival-** Beverly Russell- Beverly is reviewing prior year files and creating an event plan.



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### **Open Discussion**

Patrick Harrigan started a discussion concerning a Halloween event in Cornish. It was brought up that this event could be connected to a scarecrow contest fund raiser where businesses and individuals could pay to enter their scarecrow into the contest and the public vote on the favorite.

Brad Perkins started a discussion on a Christmas decoration contest for the businesses again with the membership or the public voting on the favorite. Said event would need a chair to organize.

Cristina Forsyth started a discussion on holding a Christmas/holiday event for the membership free of charge to the current year members. This event could be in conjunction with or in place of the event held at Krista's the past few years. It was suggested to have a potluck appetizer event at one of the businesses or at a member's house. Everyone was asked to give some consideration to this idea and see what they could come up with.

**The LUCK-OF-THE-DRAW-** was held at the end of the meeting the 12 businesses that were chosen from the group that had paid their memberships fees by the time of the drawing are:

1. Bolt
2. Sacopee Valley Eye Care
3. The Midway Country Lodging
4. Scott Design
5. The Cornish Trading Company
6. Sacopee Valley House of Pizza
7. Sacopee Veterinary Clinic
8. Ossipee Valley Christian School
9. The Maine Real Estate Network
10. Inn at Cornish
11. Photos by Rowley
12. Terrie's Uniques

**The board of directors meeting** was set for January 16, 2018 at 7 pm at the Sacopee Valley Eye Clinic.

***Next regular business meeting is February 13, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the church.***

Meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Beverly Russell*

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