

Brattleboro Area Chamber of Commerce

Annual Meeting
Thursday, January 21, 2021
Held over ZOOM

Minutes

Directors Present: Nicole Braun, *Great Eastern Radio*, Michele Coursen, *Brattleboro Savings & Loan*, Bradford Ellis, *Vernon Homes*, Bob Gammon, *WTSA*, Shawn Garland, *VABIR*, Ross Gibson, *The Richards Group*, David Harlow, *Downs Rachlin Martin*, Ryan Jennings, *Community Bank*, Tracey John, *Vermont Country Deli*, Carla Lineback, *SIT*, Gina Pattison, *Brattleboro Memorial Hospital*, John Sciacca *Brattleboro Subaru*
Staff Present: Greg Lesch, *Interim Executive Director*

Called to order: 8:15 am by Tracey John

Minutes

A motion to accept the January 23, 2020 Annual Meeting minutes was made and seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

New Brattleboro Area Chamber of Commerce Board Members Announced

Three new board members were nominated: **Connie Burton**, *burton Touch Free Car Wash*, **Jon Potter**, *Latchis Theatre & Latchis Arts*, **Chris Stoner**, *Twombly Wealth Management Group*. With the full slate having been voted upon and approved by the membership via email, a motion was made and seconded to approve the new board. The motion passed unanimously.

Officers Elected

The following slate of officers was nominated: **Gina Pattison**, *Brattleboro Memorial Hospital*, President; **Shawn Garland**, *VABIR*, Vice President; **Michele Coursen**, *Brattleboro Savings & Loan*, Treasurer; and **David Harlow**, *Downs Rachlin Martin*, Secretary. A motion was made and seconded to approve the slate. The motion passed unanimously.

Retiring board members were recognized

John Sciacca, **Brad Ellis**, **Cindy Delgatto**, **Deane Wilson** were thanked for their time and dedication. Retiring president **Tracey John** was saluted for her dedicated and enthusiastic service to the board both as a member, and president..

Finance Report

Treasurer Michele Coursen gave a brief overview of the 2020 finances. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report and it was passed unanimously.

President's Report

Incoming president Gina Pattison reported on the successes of 2020 despite the hardships and challenges associated with the COVID pandemic. We are looking forward to doing more in 2021!

Anniversaries

Brattleboro Women's Chorus – 25 years

Howard Printing – 30 years

Brattleboro Food Co-op – 45 years

Berkley & Veller Greenwood Country Realtors – 55 years

WTSA Radio – 70 years

Cota & Cota – 80 years

Sam's Outdoor Outfitters – 88 years

Special Awards

*Person of the Year: **Unsung Pandemic Heroes of Southern Vermont***

*Chamber Member of the Year: **Gretchen Hardy/The Porch***

*Entrepreneurs of the Year: **Jon Julian (Top of the Hill Grill etc...)***

Meeting adjourned at 9:03 a.m.

Submitted by David Harlow, Secretary.