

*Town of Woodbury Chamber of Commerce Inc.*

PO Box 234

Central Valley, NY 10917

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Minutes of meeting held on January 28, 2014 at 8:30AM at Village Hall.

**Present:**

**Officers:** Joe Gianzero, Dan Vaughn, Chris Arent and Justin Hunter

**Members:** Rachel Petrone, Mike Queenan, John Burke, Desiree Potvin, Bennett Kogan, Maria Hunter, Robert Hunter, Chris Schibili, Kevin Abrams, John Frietas, Dave Mistretta, Richard D'Ambrosio, Ben Meyers

**Guests:** Michael Halfon

**President's Welcome:** Joe welcomed and thanked everyone for attending this morning.

**VP Membership:** Dan V. introduced prospective member, Michael Halfon.

**Treasurer / Secretary:** Asked for acceptance of minutes for 10/22/13 and 12/3/13. Chris A. motioned, Ben M. seconded, all voted in favor.

**Guest Speaker:** Bennett Kogan, CPA, discussed the upcoming 2014 tax season. Spoke about what to look out for, changes in laws and procedures. Also stressed the importance of backing up all of your digital paperwork because things do go wrong and data can be lost.

**New Business:**

**2014 Goals:**

- Joey G. went over briefly the goals the board wishes to accomplish for the upcoming 2014-2015 year. Touched upon subjects such as the Expo, Blood & Food Drive at Earl Reservoir, Memorial Day Parade, Teal Walk at Earl Reservoir, Woodbury Community Day and the Trunk-N-Treat. Stated it is an ambitious year and is looking forward to getting these items all off the ground.

**Old Business:**

**VP of Program:**

- Joey G. reminded everyone that we are still looking for someone to fill in the remainder of the term for VP of Program.

**VP of Program:**

**Next Mixer:** February 11 – Fort Knox

**Next Meeting:** February 25 – Dinner – Kristy's Restaurant

**Member Comments:**

**Mike Queenan:** Informed everyone that Relay for Life is May 1<sup>st</sup>, a Saturday at the Central Valley M.W. School track. They are setting a goal of \$60,000. Wants people to consider donating, joining a team or even making a team. As always, it is run by the American Cancer Society.

**Dave Mistretta:** Invited the Chamber to have a breakfast meeting at the Woodbury Common which would include a presentation of the Common's work and projects currently going on.

- Joey G. accepted the invitation and the board will work out what month's meeting will be there.

**Adjournment:** With no further business to discuss, Dan V. offered a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:47am, seconded by Chris A. with everyone voting in favor and the motion was unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

*Justin Hunter*

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Minutes of meeting held on February 25, 2014 at 6:30pm at Kristy's Restaurant.

**Present:**

**Officers:** Joe Gianzero, Dan Vaughn, Chris Arent and Justin Hunter

**Members:** Sue Arent, Bennett Kogan, Christine D, Maria Hunter, Robert Hunter, Charlie Knuth, Chris Schibili, Richard Spisto

**President's Welcome:** Joe welcomed and thanked everyone for attending this evening.

**VP Membership:** Dan V. announced new member, Panera Bread, who will also be hosting our next meeting. Has two prospective members with Verizon and DOC Cleaning.

**Treasurer:** Opening balance of \$3376.73 and a closing balance of 3601.98.

**Secretary:** Asked for acceptance of minutes for 1/28/14. Chris A. motioned, Dan V. seconded, all voted in favor.

**New Business:**

**Blood Drive:**

- Joey G. updated the membership with a few more details on the blood drive. We're looking at the end of April for the event and has Shaun Ghram on board. Looking to have the chamber give out food and drinks to people who donate.

**Fundraising:**

- Joey G. asked the membership to brainstorm and come up with some possibilities for fundraising as the chamber needs more money to do events and give back to the community.

**Old Business:**

**Expo:**

- Dan V. informed everyone that due to the lack of volunteers that the chamber would not be running a business expo. There is clearly interest in an event being held, but a lack of man power prevents the chamber from running it.
- Christine D. restated how there is interest in the event but claims there was a lack of communication. Also mentioned that Monroe is wanting to do one in spring on their own.
- Joey G. mentioned that there was not a lack of communication and mentioned that the boards met back in November to discuss the expo, with Monroe stating they are lacking time and manpower to run such an event.
- Maria H. suggested contacting Monroe to see what their intentions were with the board agreeing to follow through on that.
- Robert H. suggested tabling the expo discussion to another meeting due to the lack of information, money and the lack of members in attendance of the meeting.

**VP of Program:**

**Next Mixer:** March 11 – Location T.B.D. as there are no volunteers.

**Next Meeting:** March 25 – Breakfast – Panera Bread

**Member Comments:**

**Maria H:** Invited the chamber board to attend the next Woodbury Day meeting on March 11 at 7pm to discuss and brainstorm as a group for things the chamber can bring to the event, including a possible Woodbury Business Expo.

**Christine D:** Announced that her business is now a community connection center and that she will continue hosting events there and in other locations. Said she is now an event coordinator and will offer to help run events to members of the community as a service.

**All Present:** Multiple conversations and discussions on ways to improve communication and keep members educated with events going on in town such as having liaisons for Town/Village meetings.

- **Chris S:** Asked if there is a list of members with contact information that all members can have.

- **Justin H:** We do have a list used internally by the board but it contains non-public contact information. It would have to be rewritten with only public information or permission on the private information. Not all members have public phone numbers and email so they supply a personal ones and we have to respect their privacy. Will work on writing up a list that omits any personal contact information and distribute it at a later date.

- **Maria H:** From the prior discussion, suggested the chamber makes a donation to the All Night Graduation Party for the school.

- **Chris S:** Informed the membership that he hosts social media classes from his place of business on Thursdays and Fridays during the day.

- **Maria H:** Wants businesses to be more supportive of the Town and Village by attending meetings and voicing opinions on topics concerning Woodbury, especially with threats of annexations on the horizon.

**Adjournment:** With no further business to discuss, Sue A. offered a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:27pm, seconded by Dan V. with everyone voting in favor and the motion was unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Minutes of meeting held on March 25, 2014 at 8:26AM.

**Present:**

**Officers:** Joe Gianzero, Dan Vaughn, Chris Arent and Justin Hunter

**Members:** John Burke, Mike Queenan, Kevin Abrams, Sue Arent, Maria Hunter, Robert Hunter, Frank Collins, Christine DerOhannesian, Leon Perez, Chris Schibili

**President's Welcome:** Joe welcomed and thanked everyone for attending this morning. Thanked Panera Bread for hosting the meeting.

**VP Membership:** Dan V. introduced Nini and Leon Perez of Wireless Icon as new members and again thanked Panera Bread for hosting us.

**Secretary:** Asked for a motion to accept the minutes of 2/25/14, motion by Dan V. and second by Bob H. All voted in favor.

**New Business:**

**Business Expo:**

- Joey G. informed the membership that Christine D. is running an expo this year and she will speak about it later.

**Website Update:**

- Justin H. announced that the website still needs some missing applications for the directory. Also stated that an email will be going out asking members for business logos to be put along with their directory listing. Details are also being worked out for doing ads on the website for members.

**Monroe Chamber Board Meeting:**

- Joey G. let the membership know that our board met with Monroe's board to discuss items such as the expo, annexation and possible mixer. Details about an upcoming, multi-chamber mixer will be coming out soon as Monroe gets more information.

**Evite / RSVP:**

- Joey G. stated that due to poor turnout at night meetings, going forward all night meetings will have an evite put out for people to RSVP to. If enough do not RSVP, then the meeting will change to a smaller, breakfast meeting. Also, regardless if morning or night meeting, all meetings will require an RSVP so we can order an appropriate amount of food.

**Memorial Day Parade:**

- Joey G. said he was approached by Phil Morello, who wondered if the chamber would be doing a float again. Told him we will be organizing another float and Phil requested that if we are to hand anything out, to try to avoid using flags that may get discarded. They also requested a donation towards their flag costs.

**Old Business:**

**Blood Drive:**

- Joey G. gave an update that the final date is June 14<sup>th</sup>, and it will start early morning. They chose this date to go with the bigger turnout of the Reservoir opening.

**Member Comments:**

- Mike Queenan reminded the membership of Relay for Life on May 31<sup>st</sup> with a goal of \$50,000. Asking the membership and chamber to starting or joining teams, or consider donations.
- Maria Hunter announced September 13 as Woodbury Community Day. It will be at Smith Clove Elementary School with events such as Touch-A-Truck, Car Show, vendors, local business expo with the chamber and many more events.
- Sue Arent announced April 12 as the Lion's Club Breakfast at the Central Valley Methodist Church. Looking for canned goods to donate to the local food pantry.

- Christine DerOhannesian reminded everyone about the business expo. Asking for help to get the word spread for the event. Went over the events real quick and stated that charitable and non-profits get either half price or free tables.

**VP of Program:**

**Next Mixer:** Next mixer is 4/8/14 at Wireless Icon.

**Next Meeting:** Next meeting is a breakfast meeting on 4/22/14 at Woodbury Common.

*Note: Meeting location was changed after the meeting to Village Hall.*

**Adjournment:** With no further business to discuss, Justin H. offered a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:49AM, seconded by Chris S. with everyone voting in favor and the motion was unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Minutes of meeting held on April 22, 2014 at 8:18AM.

**Present:**

**Officers:** Joe Gianzero, Dan Vaughn, Chris Arent and Justin Hunter

**Members:** Pete McGoldrick, George Sewit, Kevin Abrams, John Burke, Christine DerOhannesian, Desiree Potvin, Mike Queenan, Neil Crouse, Tim Egan, Maria Hunter, Robert Hunter, Sue Arent, Frank Collins, Dave Mistretta, John Frietas, Margrett Brower, Al Brower, Chris Schibili, Steve Rinaldo

**Guests:** Asher Flaum, David Flaum, Steve Esposito

**President's Welcome:** Joe welcomed and thanked everyone for attending this morning.

**Guest Speaker:** Opened up with Asher Flaum, President of Flaum Management who gave a brief overview of the Casino / Resort project that Flaum is working on. Recognized the important of local chambers and thanked for the opportunity to speak to the local businesses. Introduced Flaum Management as a 3<sup>rd</sup> Generation business in commercial real estate and they are excited to be working on this project. They will be working closely with the local elected officials and taking all feedback in. They just signed with a major company to run the casino, but they aren't yet free to announce it as a press release would be coming out later in the week.

Asher reaffirmed that they want to work with the community, address all concerns during development and that they want to be a good neighbor by supporting the community and local organizations and charities.

After Asher finished his introduced, a Q&A session with the members followed. The following is a summary of each question and answer.

**Frank C:** How many hotel rooms are being considered? How many stories?

**Asher:** The gaming company is looking at 300 hotel rooms. Should be about six stories in total.

**Dave M:** About how much funding will be put towards Exit 131.

**Asher:** No exact figures yet, need to talk with the state to figure out total work necessary.

**Pete M:** Is the Nepera property part of it?

**Asher:** The property meets up with it but does not include it, and down to the MTA train station. Will also be working with the MTA to improve the station.

**Chris A:** How many square feet will be gaming, and how much will be shops?

**Asher:** Will be about 1200 square feet for the gaming floor. No exact sizes on shops and restaurants yet, but will also be looking into entertainment and lifestyle center outside and potentially a convention center and movie theater.

**Joey G:** Who makes the decision to put the project through?

**Asher:** The host community has to put a letter of support to the NY gaming commission by June 30<sup>th</sup> as part one. After that, the NY gaming commission has to choose two locations.

**Joey G:** Is there any obligation to the gaming company to use local labor and workers?

**Asher:** There will be a clause to help protect keeping local businesses included once the gaming company takes over operations of the resort.

**Dave M:** Are there any crucial dates or timeframes that haven't been discussed?

**Asher:** After the state gives approval for a location, the project's construction must be completed within 24 months of the date.

**Frank C:** What happens if the construction is not complete in the time frame?

**Asher:** A significant fine will be issued to the company. We will be working with the Planning Board to get the project approved and ready for construction as soon as possible.

**Desiree P:** What happens if either the Town or Village does not give support?

**Asher:** The project does not move forward at all.

**Margaret B:** What happens if Exit 131 does not get worked on?

**Al B:** What has the throughway authority said?

**Asher:** We will be working closely with a traffic consultant to lessen any impacts of the resort traffic. The resort will have a very different traffic pattern than a shopping center and also being located south of the exit changes how things will be handled as well. We will be working very hard on getting the Exit 131 fixed up and lessen traffic burdens all around. Money is the main issue, and we will be providing significant capital towards the project.

**Steve:** Potential to make a limited connection between the resort site and the Common is there, will also do busses to local attractions to reduce vehicle numbers. Already have reached out to the DOT at the federal level, trying to find money for the state. The size of the project can get Washington's attention. Application with the Planning Board will additionally address offsite traffic mitigation issues.

**Joey G:** Has Sloatsburg and Tuxedo contacted you about traffic issues?

**Asher:** They have not contacted Flaum as of this date, but they will be reached out to.

**Michael Q:** Any idea where the buildings will be on the site?

**Asher:** The casino will be pushed back as far as possible with a long grand entryway similar to Tuxedo Park.

**Tim E:** Any thoughts on water and sewer?

**Steve:** We will work with the county to upgrade and improve existing plants. If it does not work out, they will build their own plant for sewer. Will continue talks with Harriman about water supply.

**Christine D:** The town's problems with traffic, water and sewer are also shared with this project. Can see they are willing to work with us.

**Asher:** The project is looking to have no negative impact overall and will solve any issues that may arise from it. It should help the community in a positive way all around.

**Frank C:** How much of the land is wetlands?

**Asher:** About 30 acres of the site are wetlands.

**VP Membership:** Dan V. thanked Flaum for attending and for the presentation. Thanked the membership for the great turnout and wants to see better morning mixer turnouts.

**Secretary:** Asked for a motion to accept the minutes of 3/25/14, motion by Joey G. and second by Chris S. All voted in favor.

#### **New Business:**

##### **Donations:**

- Joey G. announced that we will be making \$100 donations to the Memorial Day Parade, Relay for Life and the W.C.A. Golf Outing.

#### **Old Business:**

##### **Blood Drive:**

- Joey G. - Still on for June 14, probably around 11-4. Chamber will be giving out snacks and drinks to blood donors.

**Memorial Day Parade:**

- Joey G. - Will be doing our float with banner and flowers, possibly a band. Will be handing out candy to kids.

**Member Comments:**

- Pete McGoldrick – W.C.A. Golf Outing on June 19 at Falkirk. Encourages everyone to attend as it is a great day.
- Christine DerOhannesian reminded everyone about the business expo. Currently at 160 vendors, 10 local restaurants. Asking for help to spread the word for a successful day.
- Maria Hunter – Woodbury Community Day on September 13 at Smith Clove Elementary, daytime event only. More details to come.

**VP of Program:**

**Next Mixer:** Next mixer is 5/13/14 at The Gatehouse.

**Next Meeting:** Next meeting is 5/27/14 at Mario's Restaurant, a night meeting. It will be changed to a breakfast meeting at Village Hall if the response is not strong enough for a night meeting.

**Adjournment:** With no further business to discuss, Pete M. offered a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:03AM, seconded by Margaret B. with everyone voting in favor and the motion was unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

*Justin Hunter*



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Minutes of meeting held on May 27, 2014 at 8:17AM.

**Present:**

**Officers:** Joe Gianzero, Dan Vaughn, Chris Arent and Justin Hunter

**Members:** Maria Hunter, Robert Hunter, Sue Arent, Frank Collins, Neil Crouse, Pete McGoldrick, Kevin Abrams, Christine DerOhannesian, John Burke

**President's Welcome:** Joe welcomed and thanked everyone for attending this morning.

**VP Membership:** Dan V. thanked everyone for coming and encourages everyone to attend morning mixers when possible.

**Secretary:** Asked for a motion to accept the minutes of 4/22/14, motion by Joey G. and second by Kevin A. All voted in favor.

**New Business:**

**Nominating Committee:**

- Joey G. announced the decision that due to time constraints we will just be running an election at the June 24 meeting, anyone who wants to run for a position is welcome to put in their bid. Currently it is Dan V. and Christine D. for President, Joey G. for VP of Membership, Chris A. for Treasurer and Justin H. for Secretary. No one has come forward for VP of Program as of this meeting.

**Website Renewal:**

- Joey G. stated it is time to renew for another year of web hosting with HunterGD. Stated that for the price, the services received are great. Chris A motioned, Kevin A. seconded and all voted in favor.

**Schoenberg Consultation:**

- Dan V. announced that Bruce Schoenberg is willing to give free telephone consultation to chamber members. If he is unable to answer the questions, he will forward you on to someone who can.

**Inter-Chamber Member Discounts:**

- Dan V. stated he would like to start a program to offer discounts on products and services between members to help boost usage of local businesses. Looking for feedback on the matter.
- Joey G. mentioned that not every member could give a discount at the same rate, so also looking for feedback on the matter.
- Justin H. said that it can be advertised on the website as a member benefit and perhaps make it that you need to register and log in to receive them so the public can't see it.
- Pete M. mentioned that in line with this, while the W.C.A. can't offer discounts they will be putting stickers on signs at the W.C.A. Golf Outing to designate which businesses are chamber members.
- Christine D. suggested using a local marketing company to make a card to distribute.

**Old Business:**

**Blood Drive:**

- Joey G. – June 14 at Earl Reservoir from 12 to 4. Hamburgers, hotdogs and refreshments will be available. Chamber will have a table out for blood donors.

**Memorial Day Parade Wrap-up:**

- Joey G. – Good turnout at the parade and at the end where the W.C.A. was cooking. Chamber float turned out great with thanks to those responsible including Flowers by David Anthony, Nationwide Used Autoparts, DV Sign Company and Dan V. & Chris A. for manning the float.

**VP of Program:**

• Joey G. – From here on out, will mostly be doing morning meetings due to low numbers for night meetings and probably reserve night meetings for special occasions where a great turnout can be expected.

**Next Mixer:** Next mixer is 6/17/14 at Wireless Icon with the Monroe Chamber as well.

**Next Meeting:** Next meeting is 6/24/14 at the Woodbury Common. It is subject to change to the Firehouse / Village Hall if the Common is not ready yet.

***Meeting location was later changed to the Firehouse.***

**Member Comments:**

• Maria H. – Village Election on June 17, Course & Sutz are up, and a proposition for changing the election date.

• Maria H. – June 2, Town Board Public Hearing on the Resort/Casino with presentation.

• Maria H. – June 4, Planning Board Meeting with Resort/Casino on the agenda.

• Pete M. – Questioned the board as to why it made no statement at the Village Board Public Hearing for the Resort/Casino and will they be making one at the Town Board hearing?

• Board: We will send out a survey via email to the membership and will report the findings to the Boards.

**Adjournment:** With no further business to discuss, Justin H. offered a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:03AM, seconded by Pete M. with everyone voting in favor and the motion was unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Minutes of meeting held on June 24, 2014 at 8:11AM at the Bright Star Diner.

**Present:**

**Officers:** Dan Vaughn, Joey Gianzero, Joey Telesca, Chris Arent, Justin Hunter

**Members:** Robert Hunter, John Freitas, Sue Arent, Mike Queenan, Neil Crouse, Kevin Abrams, Pete McGoldrick, George Sewitt, Chris Schibili, Frank Collins

**Guests:** George Sewitt, Ulrico Izaguirre

**President's Welcome:** Joey G. welcomed and thanked everyone for attending this morning.

**VP Membership:** Dan V: Dues will be going out early July.

**Secretary:** Asked for a motion to accept the minutes of 5/27/14, motion by Kevin A. and second by Pete M. All voted in favor.

**Guest Speaker:** Ulrico Izaguirre, Director of Political Affairs from Caesars Entertainment spoke briefly to the membership. Rico informed everyone that Caesars is very excited about this project and is looking forward to working with the chamber and local businesses as time progresses. Announced that there will be upcoming events regarding vendors and employment with more details to follow in July.

**New Business:**

**Election of Officers:**

• Neil C. made a motion for the secretary to pass a single vote to accept the slate of officers as presented at the 5/27/14 meeting. With Kevin A. seconding the motion, the membership all voted in favor for the following slate of officers for the 2014-2015 year:

<b>President:</b>	Dan Vaughn
<b>VP Membership:</b>	Joey Gianzero
<b>VP Program:</b>	Joseph Telesca
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Chris Arent
<b>Secretary:</b>	Justin Hunter

**Dues 2014-2015:**

• Board informed the membership that the dues will go out in early July and reminded everyone that a completed application is required so we can put everyone on the website and on advertisements the chamber does.

**Old Business:**

**Blood Drive:**

• Joey G. – Let everyone present know that the drive was a success and that they took in 24 units of blood.

**VP of Program:**

**Next Mixer:** Next mixer is 7/8/14 and is open for a volunteer.

**Next Meeting:** Next meeting is 6/24/14 with time and location T.B.D.

***Meeting location was later updated to dinner at C.V. Firehouse.***

**Member Comments:**

• Joey G: Kid's day on July 12 and CV Pool opens on June 28.  
• Chris S: 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary open house for Keller Williams on June 25.  
• Pete M: W.C.A. Golf Outing was successful with 100 golfers in attendance, lots of sponsors and thanks all members who donated and participated in the event. The Woodbury Post 779 also made over \$1000 for the day.

- Mike Q: Village is working on a host community benefit agreement even though the local paper incorrectly stated on this fact, wanted to set the record straight.
- Robert H: Town has an agreement now and should be a positive outcome for the upcoming vote.
  - Chris A: Is Town Hall being moved?
  - Robert H: No plan as the school board is in turmoil and no discussions are being had.
- Dan V: Update on the lands being purchased?
- Robert H: Land behind Gasho looking at for future Town use, possibly for the parks.
- Joey T: Summer Gas Raffle tickets being sold for the C.V. Fire Department.
- Chris S: Planning Board meeting regarding Cabela's and Caesars coming up. Agreements will be made and the local paper had some inaccurate information as previously mentioned.
- Mike Q: The NYS DOT, Cabela's and Caesars are all discussing the traffic and roads.

**Adjournment:** With no further business to discuss, Chris A. offered a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:31AM, seconded by Kevin A. with everyone voting in favor and the motion was unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Minutes of meeting held on July 22, 2014 at 6:55PM at the Central Valley Firehouse.

**Present:**

**Officers:** Dan Vaughn, Joey Gianzero, Joey Telesca, Chris Arent, Justin Hunter

**Members:** Maria Hunter, Robert Hunter, John Freitas, Chris Schibili, Neil Crouse, Mike Queenan, Bennet Kogan, Leslie Rose, Ben Meyers, Colleen Pierce, Pete McGoldrick

**Guests:** James Skoufis, Dottie Morris

**President's Welcome:** Dan V. welcomed and thanked everyone for attending this evening and thanks Central Valley F.D. for providing the venue and for cooking.

**VP Membership:** Joey G: Announced Signature College Counseling as a new member.

**Secretary:** Asked for a motion to accept the minutes of 6/24/14, motion by Pete M. and second by Justin H. Ben M. questioned some of the comments by Mike Q. in the minutes and wished to have it noted in the minutes that he brought up some concerns. After the discussion, all voted in favor.

**Guest Speaker:** John Freitas of T.D. Bank. Gave a brief history of T.D. Bank and its extent of coverage on the east coast. Welcomes everyone to stop by and check them out.

**Guest Speaker:** Dottie Morris of the Library Board, in conjunction with Leslie Rose of the Historical Society. The Library Board and Historical Society wish to spotlight two businesses at a time, one for each library. The spotlight will give a history of the business and will be on display for some time at one of the two libraries, after which they will be switched. Wishes to start with chamber members first, then expand beyond once they've been gone through. The displays will have photos, samples, biographies and more. Looking to advertise in papers, on websites and via email lists. Looking to start having something by October.

**Guest Speaker:** James Skoufis, Assembly District 99. Stopped by to give an update on things being worked on. Announced that the income tax was lowered to 6.7% for businesses, down from 7.1% and is now the lowest it has been since the 1960s. A two year property tax freeze for residential has been instituted as long as the school districts and municipalities stay under the 2% cap, a refund for the difference will be received. Working with the MTA and cable tax, exit 131 project and Secaucus Loop for the trains.

Robert H: Any news on Exit 131?

James S: No talk is happening at all, the state decided to instead spend \$70 million on bike and walking paths. Will continue to keep pushing.

Justin H: Any talk regarding the condition of state roads such as Route 32 and 17M?

James S: Same excuse as Exit 131, not enough money to address issues aside from pothole filling. The best that can be done is to keep calling to report potholes.

**New Business:**

**Teal Walk:**

- Joey G. mentioned that the Teal Walk is coming up, same location at Earl Reservoir. Hoping to have the chamber involved again. More details as the time gets closer.

**Old Business:**

*No old business was discussed.*

**VP of Program:**

**Next Mixer:** Next mixer is 8/19/14 at T.D. Bank, one week later than usual.

**Next Meeting:** Next meeting is 8/26/14 with time and location T.B.D.

***Meeting location was later updated to breakfast at Panera Bread.***

**Member Comments:**

*Member comments were mixed in with guest speaker discussions.*

**Adjournment:** With no further business to discuss, Joey G. offered a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:56PM, seconded by Pete M. with everyone voting in favor and the motion was unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Minutes of meeting held on August 26, 2014 at 8:30AM at Panera Bread.

**Present:**

**Officers:** Dan Vaughn, Joey Gianzero, Joey Telesca, Chris Arent, Justin Hunter

**Members:** Pete McGoldrick, Ben Meyers, Robert Hunter, Maria Hunter, George Sewitt, Frank Palermo, Sue Arent, Chris Schibili, John Frietas, Kevin Abrams, Nini, Frank Collins, Christine DerOhannesian, Mike Queenan

**President's Welcome:** Dan V. welcomed and thanked everyone for attending and thanked Panera Bread for hosting.

**VP Membership:** Joey G: Around 25 organizations renewed, including more nonprofits. Reminded everyone who hasn't paid their dues yet to do so.

**Treasurer:** Chris A: Working with TD Bank to move accounts over, partway through the process. Also announced that we will be accepting major credit cards once the Square reader comes.

**Secretary:** Asked for a motion to accept the minutes of 7/22/14, motion by Pete M. and second by Dan V. All voted in favor.

**New Business:**

**Teal Walk:**

- Joey G: Reminded about the T.E.A.L. Walk, same location at Earl Reservoir. Chamber will be serving juice and donuts at the pavilion. September 27 with 8 am registration starts at 9am.

**Woodbury Community Day:**

- Joey G: Brought up the potential expo, free to members, non-members must join the chamber.
- Chris A: Motion to donate \$200 to the event. Dan V. seconded, all voted in favor.

**Trunk or Treat:**

- Joey T: Looking to do the event again on Halloween night.
- Chris A: Asked to form a committee. Mara H, Pete M and Christine D volunteered to be on it.
- Joey T: Will be asking members for donations and sponsorships.

**Old Business:**

*No old business was discussed.*

**VP of Program:**

**Next Mixer:** Next mixer is 9/9/14 & 9/16 at Wireless Icon, then Historical Society.

**Next Meeting:** Next meeting is 9/23/14 with time and location T.B.D.

***Meeting location was later updated to breakfast at Provence Kitchen.***

**Member Comments:**

• **Frank Palermo:** Informed businesses of wanting them to post signs reminding parents to not leave children unattended in vehicles after recent incidents after being contacted by a local judge. Would like to see members work together to get signs posted.

• **Mike Queenan:** Was also contacted by the judge with the same suggestion. Will see about having the planning board make it a requirement for new applications. Looking into a potential village ordinance as well.

• **Maria Hunter:** Woodbury Community Day update – Thanked Ben Meyers for featuring the event in the Woodbury Gazette. Thanked Dan / NYS Signs for the signs. Went over individual events and plans for the day. Also informed that they were hit with big fees for rides and is looking for more donations to help cover the costs.

- **George Sewitt:** Caesars opened up officially last week in Highland Mills on the corner of Park Avenue and Route 32. They are excited and looking forward to increasing their presence. Wants to be a good neighbor and responsible steward of Woodbury. Rollout will be coming out over time. The office will remain at that location until construction is completed.

- **Maria H:** Date and times for presentations?

- **George:** Sept 9 Caesars presents to the commission and is second to last. While open to the public, it is first come first serve. More important event is on Sept 23 from 8 am to 8 pm in Poughkeepsie. Will get website and registration information to the chamber.

- **Christine D:** Creating a new committee in Woodbury, working on the name still. Wants to involve all departments of Woodbury and organizations. Aim is to help encourage development and improvement throughout Woodbury. More information coming.

- **Sue A:** Family Fun Day on Sept 6 by the Woodbury Community Ambulance. Food, clown, music, bouncy house, demonstrations and more.

- **Nini:** Wireless Icon 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Sept 9 mixer and ribbon cutting. Inviting the Woodbury Chamber to attend. Starts 8:30 am.

**Adjournment:** With no further business to discuss, Dan V. offered a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:54AM, seconded by Kevin A. with everyone voting in favor and the motion was unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

*Justin Hunter*



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Minutes of meeting held on September 23, 2014 at 8:30AM at Provence Kitchen.

**Present:**

**Officers:** Joey Telesca, Chris Arent, Justin Hunter

**Members:** Robert Hunter, Maria Hunter, David Sutz, Sue Arent, Kevin Abrams, Bennett Kogan

**President's Welcome:** Chris A. welcomed everyone for attending, noted Dan V. and a few other members were at the public comment in support of Caesar's NY.

**Treasurer:** Chris A: Announced that the chamber can now accept credit cards for meeting payments and membership dues via the service provided by Intuit.

**Secretary:** Asked for a motion to accept the minutes of 8/26/14, motion by Chris A. and second by Sue A. All voted in favor.

**New Business:**

**Teal Walk:**

- Justin H: Reminded about the T.E.A.L. Walk, same location at Earl Reservoir. Chamber will be serving juice and donuts at the pavilion. September 27 with 8 am registration starts at 9am.

**Trunk or Treat:**

- Justin H: Asked for motion to establish a \$400 budget. Kevin A. motioned, seconded by Maria H. All voted in favor

**Fundraising:**

- Chris A. mentioned that we need some ideas for fundraising and additional events for the chamber to take part in.
  - David S. said he does work with Cablevision in Fishkill where they have a very successful deal. Will give us contact information.
  - Kevin A. suggested doing a 70s or 80s themed dance and dinner.
  - David S. also suggested a Halloween Dinner/Dance.

**Old Business:**

**Woodbury Community Day:**

- Justin H: Woodbury Community Day was a success even though the weather was less than ideal. Looking forward to next year.

**VP of Program:**

**Next Mixer:** Next mixer is 10/14 at with a tentative location at MW Crossfit.

**Next Meeting:** Next meeting is 10/28/14 with time and location T.B.D.

***Meeting location was later updated to dinner at Chili's.***

**Adjournment:** With no further business to discuss, Joey T. offered a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:10AM, seconded by Kevin A. with everyone voting in favor and the motion was unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

*Justin Hunter*