

## **BACC Annual Meeting Minutes 11.6.23**

In person: Chris Andrews, Jen Palmieri, Tammy Wagner, George Wagner, John Kascenska, Michelle Cleveland, Terri Williams, Karen Kennedy, Dave Kennedy, Diane Haser, Tayt Brooks, Laura Malieswski, Scott True, Jody Mosher, Dianna Cole, Michael Cole, Buddy & Shelly Cole, Lisa & Larry Patridge, Burton Hinton, Brett Gale, Brandon Butler, Dailyn Cole, Sue Scheibepflay, Russ Ingalls, and Kevin Mack.

John called the meeting to order at 6:21pm

### Board Introductions:

John Kascenska, Interim President; Jen Palmieri; Chris Andrews, VP; Michelle Cleveland, Secretary, Karen Kennedy, Treasurer, and Burton Hinton (joining)

It was mentioned that all members can come to our board meetings every other month.

### Feedback from Chamber members:

- Kevin Mack, Burke Mountain noted, excited for winter. Burke Mountain has not been sold but very close to closing on a sale in 2024. Will know more in late February.
- Diane Haser, NEK Store noted, they hired a new chef and do take out dinners.
- Russ Ingalls, State Senator noted, Burke keep doing what you're doing, and he helped Jay Peak with Electric.
- If any others have suggestions, please email your ideas to Laura.

### Introduction of new Board of Directors positions:

*Burton Hinton; co-owner of East Burke Market. Loves to be involved in the community.*

The following person to be voted onto the 2024 board for a 3 year term is: Burton Hinton. Jen made a motion to approve the nomination for a 3 year term and Michelle seconded, all members voted yes and motion carried.

### Business of the year Presentation:

Michael Cole, owner of Mike's gas was awarded business of the year. They have been a chamber member for 3 years.

### Guest Speaker:

John introduced Tayt Brooks, Deputy Secretary of the Agency of Commerce and Community Development, as our guest speaker. Tayt noted they launched a 20-million-dollar program to help with the flooding and working on housing. We need a healthy housing market and many more units. Working on a marketing campaign to let visitors know that Vermont is good. Right now, we are trying to address our most important issues and we all need to work together. On behalf of everyone in this room, it takes all. Continue to be active with the RDC and we rely on the information we receive to help our community.

Review of 2023 – See attached

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm