



# *Gloucester Business Association*

P.O. Box 327, Chepachet, Rhode Island 02814

## Minutes

September 26, 1996 General Membership Meeting

**Location:** Villa Roma

**Members Present:** 11 plus two guests

Nancy Chase, President, Norma Lohr, Barbara Hancock, Janet West, Rose Lavoie, Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Kitson, Ed Gordon, Kristin Dexter, Norm and Alison Tierney.

- 1.0. The meeting was called to order by Nancy Chase, President, at 8:10 PM.
- 2.0. No Secretary's Report was available for June meeting.
- 3.0. Treasurer's Report accepted. Note addition of Bargain Buyer to Membership List.
- 4.0. Old Business
  - 4.1. Brochures: completed. All members to be mailed copies.
  - 4.2. School Committee Liaison. Ed Gordon reported on the last three School Committee meetings.
    - Redistricting problems resolved
    - Schools are open one evening each month for parents
    - Before school day care
    - GBA working relationship discussed via creating, in coordination with Superintendent a Director of Central Resources for Visitations: business owners to address school groups, etc. and generally increase visibility of local vendors with the schools.
    - Letter to be sent to Ray Reilly to indicate interest on developing Directory.
  - 4.3. Town Council Liaison: Norma Lohr reported on September 19, 1996 meeting.
    - Opening of Blue Moon Cafe (formerly Austin's)
    - Youth Litter Corps given proclamation
    - Driftway discussion tabled.
    - Gloucester Memorial Park road to be paved. Hours are Sunrise - Sunset.
  - 4.4. Western RI Home Repair Program. A plaque was presented in appreciation of the GBA's efforts on behalf of the Program's regional food bank.
  - 4.5. Scholarship recipient. Ms. Melanie Ross' thank you letter was distributed to the membership. She will be attending Mt. Ida College in Newton, MA

majoring in Business Administration with a concentration in Accounting.

5.0. **President's Report.**

- Nancy Chase indicated that a letter of appreciation be sent to Joanne Nesbitt, former GBA President.
- The position of Vice President will not be filled for remainder of the year and Nancy will assume responsibilities of both positions.

6.0. **New Business.**

6.1. **Nominating Committee.** Norm Tierney indicated that this committee should begin work immediately comprising a slate in September to be presented at October next general membership meeting. This will allow the incoming officers to assist in developing the next year's budget in advance of January

- Members volunteering (or volunteered) for nominating committee: Rose Lavoie, Kevin Kitson, Norma Lohr, Donna Maniatis, Gerry Lemoine, Sue Farnum and Ron Slocum.

6.2. **Economic Development Council** update by Rose Lavoie. A survey is being done including 12 - 14 businesses. A copy of the report will be provided by Rose when it is completed.

6.3. Kevin Kitson distributed **Citizens Bank Small Business Marketing Series** brochure on behalf of Ron Slocum.

6.4. **Christmas Event** Discussion led by Kevin Kitson.

- Davey Tree may allow use of their bucket truck to decorate four trees on town hall property with all white lights.
- Will need 100% participation of GBA members for hayride
- Ron Slocum will need to be approached regarding Citizen's support in re refreshments at Chepachet Union Church.
- Jean Bonner to supply sound system.
- Three teams required for hayrides.

6.5. **Next General Meeting of the Membership will be October 24 at the Purple Cat Restaurant with the Annual Oktoberfest theme.**

6.6. Rose Lavoie indicated that **more publicity is needed** for GBA events in newspapers. She also noted that for better attendance at meetings perhaps members could call other members to remind and encourage them to attend.

The Business meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM. **The evening program was presented by Interweb Networks** with a comprehensive discussion of how you can place your business in a mall setting on the internet.

Respectfully submitted,



Kristin Dexter  
Secretary