

**Greater Ossipee Area Chamber of Commerce
Minutes of December 4, 2001**

Attendees: Russ Stone, Carl Cramb, Bill Grover, Clemmie Merrow, Dick Wilson, Rick Gagne, Henry Anderson, Frank Holmes, Ted Bateman and Joanna Harte

Guest: Diane Sullivan- Carroll County Independent

President, Bill Grover called the meeting to order at 8:35AM

Diane Sullivan presented her proposal to draw attention to towns from Ossipee to North Conway in the Winter Week publication. Distribution includes New Hampshire and Massachusetts locations with 35,000 copies distributed each week. Eight businesses have shown interest and will be given an ad at no charge if they participate in a coupon drawing offering a good or service. The responses could be used to track reader interest and also provide mailing lists for chamber members. Once a month, the chamber will be given a 2" x 7" space.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the November meeting were reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes was made, seconded and accepted unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: A list of former members who have not paid 2002 dues was reviewed. Two tee sponsors have yet to pay the sponsor fee. The check for the scholarship fund should be sent by 1/1/02. This will be discussed further at next meeting. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made, seconded and accepted unanimously.

Executive Director's Report: Thirty eight people attended the November after hours at Ossipee Ins. The Jan. after hours will be held at ReMax on 1/22/02. The next chamber newsletter will be sent by 12/15/01 then will continue to be sent by the 15th of the month.

Committee Reports: Scholarship - newspaper ads will be published after the 1st of the year. The 1st student has applied. The scholarships are for \$500.00 and favor students with average grades within our area.

Bill asked that each committee provide a monthly report.

Old Business: No old business was discussed.

New Business: The job description for the Executive Director position was reviewed for recommendations for revision.

Reimbursement for supplies should be submitted to the President for approval. Once approved, they will be submitted to the Treasurer for reimbursement.

Other Business: Dunkin Donuts is now under new management. Aubuchon Hardware may be building in the area.

Appraisal night- Sanders and Mock and Gary Wallace have been approached to do appraisals. The event will be in mid March and open to the public.

Bill distributed new membership application brochures. The fiscal year is from 10/1 to 9/30. A question was raised if the rate should be prorated? Ted will check with other chambers for pricing so we can be consistent. The distribution of the newsletter and brochures should include all town halls. Clemmie has brochure racks and will get brochures from Bill. Clemmie will also look into medical benefits for chamber members.

A suggestion was made that a drawing could be held at Chamber After Hours for ad space within the GOACC space in the Winter Week publication.

There was discussion on changing the name of the chamber to better represent all towns. We need to look at the pros and cons of changing the name.

Clemmie will include a note in the newsletter for any businesses who would like to offer discounts to members.

A page for things to do in the area will be added to the web site.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00.

Next meeting will be on Jan. 8, 2002.