



Mad River Valley Chamber of Commerce
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2020

In attendance:

Board Members: Ana Dan, Lori Klein, Peter MacLaren, Jack Sharry, Suze Edwards, Kris Merchant, Diane Forester, June Anderson, Kevin Begin, Mimi Bittenheim

Chamber Staff: Eric Friedman

Apologies: Jim Tabor

Held using Zoom video conferencing.

Meeting Opened at 10:05 AM

- Approval of the minutes of the April 27th and May 4th Board meetings was moved by Peter, seconded by Mimi, and approved.
- Peter noted that we are expecting a major update from the Administration this week, as the State of Emergency currently expires on Friday, but it is expected to be extended in some form.
- Eric reviewed the highlights of his written support. He continues to gather perspectives from VACE, the VT Chamber and others. Finances are still ok, however a key milestone will be the response to the invoices going out next week. All related members have received the prior email that we discussed. Upcoming round tables for this week for Retail and Lodging should be helpful to allow related business to share their views and concerns.
- Most of the Board reflected on the ongoing uncertainty about when and how to re-open different business sectors. A related concern is that re-opening will likely have constraints in terms of occupancy limits, which may make opening non-viable regardless.
- Interestingly reports from the retail estate sector are that prices are rising. Eric is planning a Business Update from the Realtors next week.
- June shared what is happening in the northern NY state. An interesting observation is that the Chambers there have consolidated across the broader region, which appears to be making their work more effective.

Motion to adjourn moved by Peter, seconded by Ana.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM.

We will meet again same time next week.

Minutes taken by Peter MacLaren