



Mad River Valley Chamber of Commerce  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
June 15th, 2020

In attendance:

Board Members: Ana Dan, Peter MacLaren, Diane Forester, Suze Edwards, Lori Klein, Jack Sharry, June Anderson, Kevin Begin. Chamber Staff: Eric Friedman  
Apologies: Kris Merchant, Mimi Buttenheim, Jim Tabor

Held using Zoom video conferencing.

Meeting Opened at 10:10 AM

- Approval of the minutes of the June 8<sup>th</sup> Board meeting was moved by June, seconded by Ana and carried.
- Eric reviewed the highlights of his written report.
- A key topic is the announcement by Kinney Drugs of their decision to permanently close the Waitsfield store. Agreed with Eric's recommendation to keep on top of this issue given the community concern, however it is not realistic or a good use of his time to get directly involved in trying to bring an alternative drug store into town.
- Finances: Cash position is currently ok. Agreed that Eric should use his discretion in how to deal with those members who are in arrears, and potentially offer "intro-deals" to prospective members who have expressed support for the work we are currently doing.
- Agreed that it might be useful for our state representative to hear directly, in a zoom session, the business challenges being faced by our members. Eric will follow up to see what is feasible.
- Following up Social Justice issue. Moved by June, seconded by Suze that we follow up as proposed by the Executive Committee to see if those who have written to us would like to meet with a few members of the Executive Committee to share their perspective and provide us some insights to help us decide on appropriate actions if any. Carried. One possible follow up might be a coffee and conversation on this topic, and/or a statement on our website.
- Moved by Jack, seconded by June that we adopt the recommendation from the Executive Committee to move back to monthly Board meetings from September 1<sup>st</sup> onwards, and also have the Executive Committee focus primarily on being the manager of the Executive Director. Carried.
- Plaudits all round from the Board for all the efforts and accomplishments being led by Eric and offers to help with any tasks he can delegate.

Motion to adjourn moved by Peter, seconded by Ana.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM. We will meet again next week **on Tuesday June 23<sup>rd</sup>** at the same time.

Minutes taken by Peter MacLaren