

# Milton Business Association Meeting Minutes

Meeting Minutes for: May 7, 2008

In Attendance: Ron Hubert, Jamie Parent, Tony Micklus, Tammy Sweet

The meeting was called to order at 4:10pm

## **Old Business:**

A motion was made by Ron and seconded by Jamie to table the approval of the previous meeting minutes until the next meeting. The motion passed.

## **Announcements & Recognition:**

A motion was made by Ron and seconded by Jamie to extend the deadline to August 31 for new members to join the MBA in 2008 and get 2009 dues included. The motion passed. Current members are: The Milton Eagles Club, Tony Micklus, Middle Road Market, Transparent Office Center, Laura Ryan, KeyBank, Rose Marie Ryea and Eco Car Wash.

Finance Report: Motion made by Jamie and seconded by Ron to accept the unchanged balance presented at the previous meeting. The motion passed.

## **Standing Business:**

Tony was approved to be on the EDBCAC Board as the representative of the MBA. He will file electronically any items that pertain to businesses.

## **New Business:**

Discussion followed around the "staying in touch with the Town of Milton" topic. When planning changes are being considered all land owners in effected areas need to be contacted, before the Selectboard makes the commitment. Zoning regulations need to be more than a judgment call. There needs to be notification.

## **Open Discussion:**

A motion was made by Jamie and seconded by Ron to send a "Thank You" email as part of a standard operating procedure, to all invited guest speakers of the MBA. The motion passed.

Jamie is going to follow through with Regina Mahoney regarding the Post Office issue of receiving the Street names before the home buyers closing.

There was discussion about ways to draw in new members. Suggestions included bringing in guest speakers pertaining to small business matters. Some suggestions included inviting guests from the SBA, Merchant Services, Payroll companies etc. Ron suggested bringing in the Milton School Board to explain the budget. It was suggested to have an open forum meeting with the School Board members, the Administration and the Financial Officer. The location would be in a "neutral" setting. Anyone could

attend. Ron and Jamie agreed to further research this suggestion and present to the MBA at the next meeting.

Other ways to get MBA name into the public eyes were suggested. One was that the Milton Family Community Center is having a Walkathon on May 31, 2008. We could have a table set up there promoting the MBA. A motion was made by Jamie and seconded by Ron to set up a booth at the event. Suggestions for information to have on hand included a Welcome Packet as well as the mentoring process for new businesses coming into Milton.

**Directives for Next Meeting:**

Future meetings of the MBA...Sandi Miller to be invited back as part of a follow up to the meeting between the Town of Milton officials and the Milton Business Association.

A motion made by Ron at 4:50pm to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Jamie was passed.

The next meeting of the Milton Business Association is for June 11, 2008 at the Milton Eagles Club.