

**January 21, 2019**

**Monthly Meeting**

**Minutes**

**Leo's Restaurant**

**From the Board:** Joseph Dvash; Plaza Marquee, Stacey Lyle; Correspondence Secretary, Lois Raymond; Sew Scents Gifts, Wynn Gold; Auric, Eileen Hartmann; Cromwell Manor, Ryan Coakley; Merrill Lynch; Scott Teresi; Right at Home, Luann Richards; Creative Gifts, Vanessa Hill; Walden Savings Bank, Gary Smith; Rank & Smith

**Chamber Members:** Charlotte Dunaief & Brenda Goldfarb; Cornwall Public Library, Bernadette Montana & Thomas Lindemann; Brid's Closet, Helen Bunt; Butterhill Day School, Richard Randazzo; Town of Cornwall, Regina McGrade; Encore, Mike & Ellen Kelly; Schmitger Realty, Izzy Morales & Guest, Sky Diamond Jewelers, Storm King Art Center; Anthony Davidowitz, Brendan Coyne; Mayor Cornwall on Hudson

**New Members**

Kneading Time Spa

**Guest Speakers:**

**Richard Randazzo and Brendan Coyne**

Richard Randazzo- Town of Cornwall Supervisor

Town and Village have a great working relationship, Cornwall is a small community of about 10,000. The Town has been working on a Comprehensive Plan for the past 2 years and hope to have it completed within the next 3 month. It will show where the Town plans to be in the next 5 to 10 years. It is designed to preserve the community feel and no overgrow it. The Grants that have been recently awarded help

\$125,000 from Senator Skoufis to improve the look of Main Street. Paving, crosswalks and re-landscaping the Traffic Circle

\$200,000 from Senator Skoufis to repair and reopen Bridge Street to pedestrian use.

\$140,000 from Senator Larkin to refurbish the Town Athletic fields

Communication is key to planning projects. Everyday is different.

Brendan Coyne- Mayor of Village of Cornwall on Hudson

Working on the Village's Comprehensive Plan which are open to the public. Economic Development in the Village has attracted an abundance of Acupuncture and Massage Businesses to the Village in recent months. The Village has been working with the DEC to rectify the issues at the DB Mart. The Riverfront Committee is working on getting waterless toilets, an app to pay for Permit Parking as ways to make the riverfront more

attractive to visitors. Mark Edsall the Deputy Mayor is not running for re-election. Working on new PBA contracts. Water Department is working on a leak at Black Rock to help stop wasting water. Mike Trainor is the new Water Department Supervisor.

Riverfest is 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of June, it's 22<sup>nd</sup> year (note day of week change)

July 4<sup>th</sup> Committee is planning this year's Parade and activities

Hired a new engineer for the water and village

Village has approx. 3000 residents

### **Member Spotlight**

Sky Diamond Jewelers

Rt 32 in New Windsor, in the Anthony Deli Plaza next to Toppings

Celebrating 2 1/2 years in business, they are a full service jeweler with in house, on site repairs. They also do custom designs and estate purchases.

### **New Business:**

- Financials - \$12148.70
- Membership Dues are due by Feb 15th
- Chamber will be purchasing 1000 Member Directories, to be included in the directory your membership dues must be paid
- Cornwall Chamber is working on a Multi Chamber Mixer to be held at Storm King Art Center, to take place on June 11<sup>th</sup> 2019.
- Sexual Harassment Training will be Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> from 6pm to 8pm at Munger Cottege - this training is mandatory for all NYS business owners and employees.
- Board members attended a Board workshop headed by Tony Burgess and Scott Teresi, it was held at Cromwell Manor. Thank you Eileen for hosting us.

### **Old Business, Continuing Business**

- Holiday Committee (Eileen/Luann) 1<sup>st</sup> event will be the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade, this committee would like to see more Chamber members participate. Those businesses that participate have a chance to win, a Platinum, Gold Sponsorship or a free Membership.
- Sponsorship Committee (Joe) will be handling all sponsorships for all Chamber activities, we have 6 Platinum Sponsors renewing.
- Car Show (Luann) Car Show will be held this year Sunday Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> with a raindate of Monday Sept 2nd
- Music at the Park (Joe) emails are being sent out to various musicians.
- Fall Festival (Rich/Lois) Fall Festival will be held Sunday Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> this is our biggest fundraiser of the year.
- Business Development & Support (Scott/Eileen)

- Recycle Day (Vanessa) Recycle Day will be held Saturday June 8<sup>th</sup>
- Golf Outing (Ryan) 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing date to be determined but should be Early May
- Art Walk (Wynn) Details coming soon

**Correspondence:**

**Roll/Introduction**

Thanks to all of Leo's crew for a delicious meal!

Respectfully submitted,  
Luann Richards

Recording Secretary, GCCC