

## **METUCHEN DOWNTOWN ALLIANCE MINUTES**

**February 23, 2017**

**12:00 P.M.**

In attendance: Eric Berger, Jay Muldoon, Peg Inglese, Dottie Winhold, Leon Schwartz, Grace Shackney, Gary Tilbor. Not in attendance: Bobbie Thievakumaran, Chris Flynn, Anthony Campisi, Diana Callinan. Staff: Isaac Kremer, Executive Director. Guests: Jennifer Maier, Linda Koskowski, Jan Margolis, Allison Inserro, Dorothy Heyden.

Eric Berger, MDA Board Chair, opened the meeting. The minutes from the January 24, 2017 meeting were approved. Eric presented By-law amendments and a Financial Control Policy to the Board for review. Both were approved.

Isaac Kremer, MDA Executive Director, shared his family has now relocated to NJ. This has limited availability somewhat in the mornings and early afternoon between 2:30 and 3. Teams are all working. Org team had successful meeting to discuss volunteer training. Design doing the best of the four to organize task forces to carry work out. Economic Vitality continuing work on Market Analysis. And Promotion has upcoming Restaurant Week and a Shop Small Saturdays promotion in April. Reports for teams were included in the Board packet.

There was a discussion regarding concerns expressed by some business owners about the placement of cones/bollards in the no parking zones at the intersections of Main and Hillside/New and Pearl and Ne streets. Jay Muldoon and Jennifer Maier spoke about the reasons for placing the cones at those locations. It was done for public and pedestrian safety reasons at those 2 busy and dangerous locations. Questions were raised as to whether there were other solutions that might be more acceptable. Isaac and Anthony Campisi were asked to meet with the Police Chief and Borough Administrator to discuss the issue.

There was no further business and a motion was made to adjourn the Board meeting.

Following the Board meeting a Board Training was presented by Donna A. Harris of Heritage Consulting and Jef Buehler from New Jersey DCA.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for March 10, 2017 at 8am.