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Notice of Annual Membership Meeting

Dear Chamber Member:

The Windsor Chamber of Commerce, Inc., will hold an Annual Membership Meeting on May 18, 2022 beginning at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Chamber's office at 261 Broad Street, Windsor, Connecticut. Business to be taken up at the meeting will be:

1. General Discussion of the Condition of the Chamber
2. Election of Officers and Directors
3. Installation of Officers and Directors
4. Presentation of Chamber Awards:
 1. Board Member of the Year
 2. Volunteer of the Year
 3. Frank D. Parker Memorial Beautification Award
 4. Windsor Citizen of the Year
 5. Jerry Hallas Memorial Award

The Board of Directors recommends that you vote FOR all officer and director nominees. You can vote either by attending the meeting or submitting a proxy online (voting instructions are below).

This packet contains detailed information on the officer and director candidates to be voted on. If you have any further questions concerning the meeting or the proposals, please feel free to contact us at 860-688-5165.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, we would like to express our appreciation for your continued membership in the Chamber and support of our mission: to create connections that grow local businesses and strengthen our community.

Sincerely yours,

Shannon Rabbett
Chair, Board of Directors
Windsor Chamber of Commerce



How to Vote by Proxy

The proxy form is available online. Visit this web page to vote:

<https://www.windsorcc.org/vote>

Enter your name and the member company you're representing, then your choices for officers, directors, and proposals. Then click "Submit Vote."

Report of the Nominations Committee

Pursuant to Article III, Section 5 of the Chamber bylaws, a Nominations Committee was formed to recommend candidates for officers and directors and submit a written report to the membership. The committee's recommendations are below.

Steve Porcaro for Board Chair

As the owner 1-4-All Coaching, LLC since 2005, Steve is passionate about helping individuals and organizations achieve their goals through effective sales, leadership, and business development strategies. We live in a world where it is harder and harder to be heard.

Steve founded SalesPlus MVP Coaching & Training Academy to provide the education, tools and tactics to cut through the noise. His mission is to empower growth, by not only giving you the strategies and techniques to improve but also by providing continued support to business owners, solopreneurs, and teams who are dedicated to helping organizations level up.



Steve is a graduate of Coach University and Mohegan Community College. His previous experiences include serving as a surgical technologist in the U.S. Navy, an independent sales consultant and trainer for major medical device companies, Certified Master OASIS Trainer, and a DISC Behaviors Facilitator. Steve is currently Vice Chair of the Chamber Board of Directors.

He is active in the local community and serves on various boards and committees, including the Boy Scouts of America, CT Rivers Council, Windsor Human Relations Commission, Windsor Emergency Management, and is an active board member of the International Coach Federation and Past President of the Connecticut chapter.

A Massachusetts native, Steve moved to Connecticut while serving in the US Navy in 1983, and never left. He and his wife moved to Windsor in 1992 to raise three boys and three dogs. His hobbies include reading, cooking, and backpacking the tallest mountains in New England. Some of his favorite things about Windsor are its diversity, history and sense of community.

Mary Welenc Pastula for Vice Chair

Mary Welenc Pastula has over 30 years experience in the financial service industry. As a Vice President and Banking Center Manager at Webster Bank, she is responsible for the achievement of customer service, employee development, sales, operations, and cross sell initiatives in the Windsor Banking Center and market area.

Mary graduated from Western New England College with a Bachelor's of Science in Business Administration degree. She has worked in the Windsor area for the past 11 years. Mary is dedicated to service her local community and has been an active supporter of the United Way for many years. Mary has served on the Chamber board for three years, two as Secretary, and participates on the Ambassador committee.



As a member of the Webster Bank Family, Mary supports their mission to help individuals, families and businesses achieve their financial goals and looks to continually give back to the community in which she serves.

Terese Newman for Secretary

Terese Newman is a graphic designer and artist with over 40 years of experience. She holds a BFA from the University of Connecticut and an MFA from the University of the Arts (Philadelphia).

Currently Terese runs a design studio in Windsor where she focuses on branding, print works and web design. Locally, she re-branded the Windsor Adult Education program and currently designs all the collateral material for that organization. She works for several non-profit organizations as well as corporate clients.

As a fine artist, Terese works in three disciplines: printmaking, oil painting and mixed media collage. She has taught at Paier College of Art and has worked for Sol LeWitt. Her paintings and prints are in various collections, including Sol LeWitt, University of Connecticut and dozens of private collections. Her work has been shown at



Marilyn Butler Fine Arts, New Mexico; The Exquisite Corpse in New York City; Jacob Javits Trade Center in New York City, Artworks Gallery in Hartford and several group shows in New England.

Terese has lived with her husband, Stephen McKay, in Windsor since 1995 and has raised her two daughters here, as well as her two stepchildren. Her daughters attended Windsor Public Schools and are graduates of Rochester Institute of Technology and New York University.

Zachary Ramalho for Treasurer

Zach Ramalho is Branch Officer for Windsor Federal Savings Bank at the main office in Windsor. Born in Massachusetts, Zach grew up and was raised in Bristol. He has over ten years in the banking industry, with majority of his roles being in management.

Zach holds a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from New England College of Business. Well-versed in banking and lending, he has a passion for helping others and helping them meet their banking needs.

In his free time, Zach enjoys traveling, playing basketball, and mountain biking. Zach values family traditions and embraces being a part of the community.



For Director, 2022-2025

Andre Lilly, Lilly's Soulfood Restaurant & Catering

Lynette Mendoza Villa, Crumbie Law

Douglas Shipman, Windsor Historical Society

Frank Parker Memorial Beautification Award

In 1981, The Windsor Chamber of Commerce began a program to recognize those Windsor businesses that put forth a special effort to maintain a high standard of beautification of their property. In 1991, the Chamber renamed this award to honor Frank D. Parker, founding partner of Parker-Ellingwood Insurance Agency. Frank was a long time champion of Windsor businesses and the Windsor Chamber of Commerce. This award honors Mr. Parker's dedication to the community he lived in throughout his business life.

2022 Recipient: Windsor Fire and EMS

For its renewal of the Windsor Fire and EMS Safety Complex.

Prior to the Windsor Police Department moving to their new location at 100 Addison Road, the Public Safety Complex at 340 Bloomfield Avenue consisted of the Windsor Center Fire Station, the Police Station and the separate EMS facility all on a 6.2 acre parcel. That facility was constructed in 1963.

Following the relocation of the Police Department in the summer of 2020, renovation of the Bloomfield Avenue facility began to upgrade the facility and address current and future equipment and personnel needs for both EMS and the volunteer fire department. The building was expanded from 27,000 square feet to 38,400 square feet to accommodate additional and larger apparatus bays, improved parking, office and training space, kitchens and future sleeping/overnight quarters.

The new Fire and EMS Safety Complex features a modern stylistic exterior with traditional brick that conveys strength and continuity with many other Windsor buildings. It was dedicated on April 30, 2022 with gratitude to the residents of Windsor for supporting the project.



Jerry Hallas Memorial Award

This award is presented in honor of Mr. J. Jeremiah Hallas, one of the group of forty Windsor business people who revitalized the Chamber in 1949. Mr. Hallas served as Chamber President in 1953-54. In addition to his Chamber work, Mr. Hallas founded the Windsor News Weekly in 1944. While living over thirty years in Windsor, Mr. Hallas served as Executive Assistant and Press Secretary to both Governor Wilbert Snow and Governor Raymond Baldwin. In 1947, he was appointed state political commentator for WTIC radio. He handled public relations in Connecticut for the 1952 Eisenhower campaign and the 1956 campaign for former U.S. Senator, Prescott Bush. We salute and thank Mr. Hallas for his outstanding contribution. The Windsor Chamber of Commerce expresses its appreciation for the dedication of our Jerry Hallas Memorial Award recipients and the service they have provided to the Chamber and the Town of Windsor.

2022 Recipient: Mary-Lynn Kinney

Mary-Lynn Kinney is Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer for Windsor Federal Savings whose responsibilities include managing and overseeing the day-to-day operations of the Association. Starting in August of 2000 as Vice President / Controller, she quickly was promoted in April 2003 to Vice President / Chief Financial Officer and again in July 2007 to EVP/CFO due to her extensive financial analysis, budgeting experience and over 25 years in the financial industry. She was again promoted to her current position in 2019.



Mary-Lynn has served as Treasurer of the Windsor Chamber of Commerce since 2007, and retires from the Board of Directors this summer after fifteen years as the Chamber's fiscal guardian. Her expert and diligent attention to fiscal control and oversight has been a major factor in keeping the Chamber sound, stable, and secure. More than that, Mary-Lynn's equanimity and grounded but positive attitude as a leader, even through unstable and difficult times, have made an impact on the whole organization. Whenever and however the Chamber has needed her, Mary-Lynn has been there for us.

A Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the College of the Holy Cross and an honors graduate of the National School of Banking, she also held the position of Treasurer for the Huntington House Museum. Mary-Lynn and her family live in South Windsor, CT.

Windsor Citizen of the Year

This is the 23rd year the Windsor Chamber of Commerce has presented the Citizen of the Year Award. This award is presented to a citizen who has provided outstanding service to our community.

2022 Recipients: Liz & Jim Burke

This year's Citizen of the Year Award is presented to a Windsor "power couple" who for decades have embodied the spirit of service to our community.

Liz Burke retired a year ago from a 48-year career as a Speech-Language Pathologist. When moving to Connecticut in 2000, she worked for Connecticut Children's Medical Center in their Hospital School and then the University of Connecticut for eleven years, where she had the pleasure of working with and training graduate students to become future Speech-Language Pathologists. Leaving UConn in 2015, she subsequently opened a private practice.

Liz has been a Board Member of the Windsor Education Foundation, ALP for adult learners and the Windsor Historical Society and has volunteered at the Historical Society for both school field trips and tours there. She has also volunteered as a tutor at the Wilson Branch Library, and with Jim, has

volunteered at the Windsor Arts Center. Last fall she worked on the Windsor Historical Society's Centennial events and is co-chairing its upcoming house tour.

Jim Burke recently retired as Windsor's Economic Development Director after 21 years of service to the community. During Jim's tenure, Windsor grew in importance as a regional employment center capitalizing on its strategic location between Hartford, CT and Springfield, MA as well as proximity to Bradley International Airport. Jim facilitated projects that created over 7,000 new jobs and resulted in approximately \$900 million in economic activity. Millions of square feet of additional office and industrial building space have been constructed in key industries including financial services, precision





manufacturing, logistics, data management and hospitality. These efforts have helped keep Windsor's tax rates competitive.

Jim was instrumental in the redevelopment of key properties in Windsor Center benefiting from the Hartford Line regional commuter rail service which began in 2018. These include a mill conversion into the 50-unit First Town Square condo project, as well as the Windsor Station Apartments containing 130 market-rate units directly across from the passenger rail station.

During his tenure, Jim led the town's Community Development efforts including the housing rehabilitation loan program, small business loan program and numerous infrastructure projects. He also served as staff liaison to the Human Relations Commission, Economic Development Commission, Wilson Deerfield Advisory Commission, Redevelopment Agency, and Fair Rent Commission.

Jim has also been a regular volunteer for projects with the Chamber of Commerce, First Town Downtown, Windsor Historical Society and Windsor Arts Center.

Liz and Jim live in the Town Center and have enjoyed many of the events on the town green and being part of such a wonderful, vital and active community. They have two sons and three grandchildren.