



*Minutes for November 1, 2023 General Chamber Meeting
Sam's Italian Restaurant, Dobbs Ferry*

Networking began at 5:00pm

Meeting called to order at 5:55pm

Opening remarks and welcome by Danielle Centofanti-Davidson

- Unfortunate incidents occurred in one of our downtown districts
- Notifying all Police Chiefs to be aware of Taste Local event Saturday, 11/4

County Update from George Latimer, Westchester County Executive

- 2024 County Budget is due in 6 weeks - the County is looking for a tax freeze
- Migrant issue: no additional placements after Ardsley, no related crimes, no spread of illnesses
- Flooding: County is identifying projects and requesting federal help
- Innovation for business - County is open to all ideas

County Update from Shari Ascher, Westchester County Govt

- Continuing focus on workforce development throughout the county, particularly supporting marginalized communities
- Three job fairs coming up - Seniors (looking for employers who will offer training), Cyber Security (Feb), Diverse abilities (April)
- Would like to plan another MWBE & Chamber event due to its success
- Green Energy is a major focus of economic development
- Keeping downtowns safe, seeing an uptick in some malicious activity

Chamber Announcements made by Danielle:

- New member businesses who joined after the September meeting (see attachment)
- FEMA is holding a webinar
- Child Care Scholarship program for working families
- Irvington Referendum for new firehouse - 11/7 vote
- Elmsford Rotary scholarship fundraiser - contact Neil Bush
- Village Formats will be changing in an effort to engage more members
- 2024 planning will begin shortly (events, membership benefits)

Dobbs Ferry consultants are surveying the community around 11/17 for grant programs.

Meeting adjourned at 6:23pm

New members since September 2023 Chamber Meeting (to announce)

Business Name	Contact	Location
Amanda Kupillas Dance	Amanda Kupillas	Hastings-on-Hudson
Bellacosa Wine & Tapas Bar	Frank Donato	Dobbs Ferry
Chutney Masala	Navjot	Irvington
Fonts by Leah	Leah Bernabei	Tarrytown
Geordanes Neighborhood Market	Danielle Diaz	Irvington
Get Social With Garin	Garin Michelson	Briarcliff Manor
J Sports Academy	Jason Scheff	Tarrytown
LiteMirror	Donna Centofanti-Powers	Irvington
Real Estate Agent- Compass	Nargis Rakhmatova	Dobbs Ferry
RiverArts	Josh Suniewick	Hastings-on-Hudson
Savvy Sips Wine & Spirits	Rachel J Tieger	Irvington
The Floral Society	Sierra Steifman	Dobbs Ferry
Uncle Lefty's	Dan	Hastings-on-Hudson