

*To* Government Affairs Committee  
*From* John Polanowicz  
*Date* April 7, 2008  
*Subject* Meeting Minutes, March 25, 2008

**Present:** Doug Rowe, Arthur Bergeron, John Riordan, Toni Wolf, Joanne O’Leary, Jeff Schaffer, Emily Greenwood, Bob Kilroy, Susanne Morreale Leber, Brian Murphy, John Polanowicz

**Excused:** Bill Brewin, Dave Morticelli, Jim Manganello, Paul Matthews, Nick Anastasopoulos, Margarita Saez,

Meeting began at 9:18 a.m.

Welcome to new member Arthur Bergeron.

Mayor’s breakfast list of questions. **Please submit list of possibly questions to Chamber ASAP.**

Next Thursday 8 a.m. School to Business Committee is doing a walk through at the Olde Fire Station with Gene Carlo.

City Officials Dinner schedule queued up. Discussion regarding reception vs. dinner. Discussion regarding Sal DiMasi event and surround it with the City Officials reception. June 4th or 5th? Consideration. Discussion of buffet versus dinner. Bob Kilroy is reviewing the open meeting law to make sure we are not violating it.

Sign ordinance issue.

**New Business:** Don Landers: City Councilor Ward 7

Discussion regarding his Chamber membership over the years. He campaigned on the idea that he is pro school, pro business, pro Ward 7. He is on Finance and chairs Public Safety. Ward 7 is on both sides of Route 20, Hosmer Street, to Stow Road. He is looking forward to budget season, he was previously Assistant Superintendent of Schools.

Issues he sees coming up. Another ladder truck and police cruisers. Business area is more at the beginning of Hosmer Street. He sees businesses stay in that area and does not see any additional development.

Discussion regarding schools, most spaces are filled business wise. He does discuss and visit a lot of business and residents in his ward. Discussion regarding Pam and her enforcement.

Discussion regarding diversity. Discussion regarding snow removal and the Chamber. Discussion regarding tax rate and the review of other cities and towns. Discussion regarding abandoned properties in his ward.

Discussion regarding sign ordinance is it coming up again. He is meeting with Bob Kane regarding the mural project he is working on.

**Other Business:**

Calendar:

Mayor's Ball April 5th, State of the City Address, April 16th.

Next Month's meeting: Tuesday, April 29th at 9:15 a.m. at the Chamber offices.

Meeting adjourned 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted  
Chair, John Polanowicz