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CHELMSFORD BUSINESS ASSOCIATION MISSION STATEMENT

The Chelmsford Business Association is a non-profit organization dedicated to championing the growth and enrichment of businesses with the Town of Chelmsford by providing opportunities for sharing information, networking and education; by fostering a sense of community among its members, by improving the business climate for its members by monitoring state and local legislative and agency actions which impact its members while providing a forum for dialogue between its members and opinion leaders, legislators, other interest groups and the general public; and by promoting public awareness of the contribution of its members to the economic, physical and social vitality of the Town of Chelmsford community.

The Chelmsford Business Association's Mission Statement was printed for our members to provide us with comments and suggestions on how we can continue to make the CBA stronger and
informative for all of us.

Richard DeFreitas CBA President

As you may have noticed, my message has been relegated to page two for this my final issue as your president. The first page has our mission statement printed to remind you that this organization is about our principles and not about any particular individual. In fact... if you have any comments or suggestions about the mission statement we sincerely urge you to make them known so that we can address them. That being said... here is my final message:

Before the next newsletter comes out I will have stepped down to "Immediate Past President" and I expect Brian Reidy will be our new President. I believe I will be remembered as the "guy" who was between Jeff Hardy and most likely Brian Reidy. Jeff was a very dynamic "hands on" leader and I expect Brian, if elected, will be much the same. I have turned out to be a caretaker for this office... but I have accomplished some notable things.

The CBA is financially better than it ever has been. I attribute that mostly to Steve Incropera, Treasurer... that has had a tight control on our purse strings. We were not extravagant even as we made our usual contributions to improve the state of the Town. We held our candidates Nights, as usual, and we even bought a defibrillator for the Town. Classification has not been implemented and our membership rose inflated to well over 300 last year... some of which was due to the 350th celebration year. We continue to represent the businesses of Chelmsford with the same influence we have always had. My biggest disappointment is that we have not come up with a CBA scholarship program... but we are still working on it and I expect it will be high on the next presidents list.

In leaving my post, let me say that I have sincerely enjoyed being a significant part of the CBA and I look forward to helping out in the future. Thank you for the opportunity...I am forever grateful.

Thank you for listening... *Richard E DeFreitas, President*