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From The President

On behalf of the CBA, I wish to congratulate Phil Eliopoulos for his significant victory and Bill Dalton for weathering the storm to capture the two seats on the Board of Selectman. This was a feisty campaign with many twists and alliances.... as is now being reported by the press.

Unlike last Spring, the opposing candidate did make classification a major issue while at the same time promising to attract new business to town while raising the business portion of the tax base about 50%. Talk about voodoo economics... well it didn't play. So I am thrilled that Phil and Bill are to remain on the board... Congratulations!

As you know... we sponsor the annual "Candidates Night" with Doug Hausler as the moderator.

Doug did a magnificent job and kept the discussion on course. The CBA sponsors this event, annually, as a public service. However the CBA does not directly get involved in campaigns, even though some of the business owners supported Phil and Bill. For example, I had both of their bumper stickers (magnetic, of course) on my Blazer and was proud to do it as a private voter. We are fortunate that, in America, individuals have that right.

So, as I said last Spring, let us count our blessings and not be over jubilant... while at the same time let us always be vigilant and protective of our position against tax classification.

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