# BY-LAWS OF THE LEWISBORO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, INC, formerly THE GOLDENS BRIDGE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE INC. (as amended March 3, 2014)

### ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this organization is "The Lewisboro Chamber of Commerce, Inc."

#### ARTICLE II: PURPOSES

The purposes for which this organization was incorporated are as follows:

- 1. To develop encourage, promote, advance and protect the commercial, industrial, professional, financial, civic and general business interests of the Town of Lewisboro.
- 2. To promote and advance the civic interests and general welfare of the community.
- 3. To make the Town of Lewisboro and its trade area a better area in which to live and transact

business.

4. To provide in its members and the general public a better understanding of the advantages of

Lewisboro and its trade area.

5. To foster and maintain a higher appreciation of the value of local businesses and a more

intelligent public opinion regarding local affairs; to promote integrity and good faith; just and equitable principles in business, to discover and correct abuses and to have a part as presenting the Lewisboro community and its trade area in the consideration and decision of town issues.

6. The corporation shall be non-profit, non-partisan, nonpolitical and non-sectarian and shall take no part in or lend its name, influence, support or facilities, either directly or indirectly to the nomination, election or appointment of any candidate for office in village, town, county, state of nation nor shall any meetings of a political nature whatsoever be held within the premises occupied or under the control of the Chamber.

# ARTICLE III: POWERS

The powers of the Lewisboro Chamber of Commerce, Inc. are as follows:

- 1. To buy, sell, receive and convey real, personal or mixed property for its own use and benefit.
- 2. To enter into contract, leases, easements, rights of way for or on account of any realty or mixed

property.

3. To enter into any contracts for purchase, sale,

manufacture of any personal property used or acquired or to be disposed of for the benefit of this corporation.

4. To collect rents, debts, accounts, monies from any source whatsoever for its own use and

benefit.

- 5. To sue or be sued in its own name.
- 6. To invest or re-invest in any realty, stocks bonds, mortgages, notes for its own use and benefit.
- 7. To borrow money and from time to time make, accept, endorse, execute and issue bonds,

promissory notes, bills of exchange or other obligations of this corporation for monies

borrowed or in payment for property acquired.

8. To take and hold all bequests, devises, gifts, purchases or leases absolutely or in trust for any of

its purposes, objects or powers property real or personal without limitation as to the amount or value except such limitations, if any, as may be imposed by law, to convey such property and to invest or re-invest any principal and to deal with and expend the income and principal or the corporation in such manner as in the judgment of its directors will best promote its objects.

- 9. To lease or rent, for a term not exceeding five years, except that any law of the State of New York providing for a lesser term shall be the limit for which the corporation may lease or rent any of its property.
- 10. Shall have the right to assign any of its contracts or leases to another corporation or individual.

11. To do such acts as are necessary or convenient to attain the object and purposes herein set forth to the same extent and as fully as any natural person could or might do and as are not forbidden by law or by the Certificate of incorporation or the Bylaws of this corporation.

**ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP** 

- 1. Any person, business, firm, association or corporation conducting business with or in the the Town of Lewisboro
- 2. Political Office, any board member nominated for public office. Shall take a leave of absence from the board, for the duration of the campaign.

### ARTICLE V: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- 1. The numbers of directors of the corporation shall be not less than three (3) nor more than nine (9)
- 2. Board members shall be elected by general members in good standing at the March meeting of every other calendar year. Board members and officers are required to maintain a business within the Town of Lewisboro or be an employee of the Town Of Lewisboro.
- 3. In the event there are more vacancies than applicants/ and or nominees for Board membership, a formal election is waived and the volunteers are automatically elected to fill the vacancies.

4. Any vacancies during the calendar year shall be filled by the Board of Directors, for the remaining term of the vacancy.

# **ARTICLE VI: OFFICERS**

- 1. Election of Officers will occur at the March Board of Directors meeting of every other calendar year.
- 2. Term of Office shall be 2 years with no limitation on reelection.
- 3. President: shall be chief executive; preside over all general and Board meetings. President shall

perform all duties incident to the office.

4. Vice President: shall substitute in the President's absence and aid the President in the

performance of those duties.

5. Treasurer: shall receive and disburse all funds of the Chamber. Treasurer will report state of

Chambers finances at each Board meeting. Treasurer will be responsible to send dues notices to each member each year. Dues are due January 1st of each year, with a waiver for the subsequent year given to all new members who join between October 1st and December 31st.

6. Secretary: shall keep the minutes of all Board meetings and shall send out notices via E-Mail only.

ARTICLE VII: COMMITTEES:

1. The President shall appoint Committees as needed in order to carry out the functions of the

Chamber.

2. There are no standing committees and the Board of Directors shall act as a Committee of the

whole as needed.

# ARTICLE VIII: DISBURSEMENTS

- 1. All disbursements shall be made by a vote of the majority of the Board of Directors.
- 2. If practicable the Board will adopt a Budget for expenditures for the next fiscal year which is a

calendar year ending December 31st.

# ARTICLE IX: PARLIMENTARY PROCEDURES

1. The Board will not conduct its meetings governed by Robert's Rules of Order.

# ARTICLE X: AMENDMENTS

1. These Bylaws made be amended from time to time as need by the Board of Directors by

majority vote.

2. Any member may suggest a change to the Bylaws which will be considered at the next annual

meeting or at a special meeting called for that purpose.