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## Our Members

Thank you to those who were able to take the time to come to the AIPA's General Members Meeting held September 25, 2019. A special thank you to Emad Muntasser, of Logan Furniture Co. for hosting the meeting, Bob Costa, of BC Tent & Awning Co. for providing tables and chairs and Geri's Pizza for providing nourishment via order made by Lynne Mendoza, of Wrobel Engineering. It was an informative meeting with the Town of Avon's Selectman, Highway Department, and Planning Board represented. The AIPA has been gathering for 8 years now addressing the needs of businesses in the park with an eye toward the future in Avon.

With that in mind, **PLEASE TALK TO YOUR BUSINESS NEIGHBORS ABOUT JOINING THE AIPA**, which has been instrumental in tax reductions, road repairs, beautification projects and more. THERE IS POWER IN NUMBERS!

## September Members Meeting Snippets

- The reconfiguration of Harrison Blvd, which is a State project with changes for Pond Street at Bodwell Street as well, is almost done with the safety audit AKA the second phase. Additional state controls may be added to the plan that was provided to those in attendance. The town's hope is that the project will be included in the State's 2021 fiscal year budget, currently the paperwork is 10 months ahead of schedule and ready for the bidding phase.
- Discussion surrounded the steps taken thus far for signage upgrades at the park with AIPA Sign Committee members; Marc Roy, Brian DeLano, Wayne DeLano, and Rick Mansur spearheading collaboration with the town. The AIPA Sign Committee will be gathering quotes for low maintenance options with the Town of Avon's DPW looking at easements for the signage, possible services, materials needed, permits (just kidding, but really, who knows? I'm sure the committee will know soon enough!).
- Brian DeLano presented an overview from Metro South Chamber of Commerce's President & CEO Christopher Cooney who met with the AIPA board on Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup> which focused on the City of Brockton's current flux of influence, water and sewer possibilities for Avon, and the ever growing problem of homelessness. Chris Cooney also generously offered to host a joint meeting between the Chamber and the Avon Industrial Park Association members, which the board is looking to do in January, 2020.
- Howard Davis, Treasurer, reports \$3,260.00 in AIPA fund.
- The meeting was full of lively discussion and opened and closed by Bob Costa, President of BC Tent & Awning Co. and the Avon Industrial Park Association who has generously donated his time to the AIPA for the past 6 years as President of the AIPA.

## Upcoming Events

NOMINATIONS – due by November 1, 2019. Please submit your nominations via the AIPA website comments <http://www.avonindustrialpark.org/contact-us/>. Many officers of the current board are looking to relinquish their positions, while still offering guidance to the new board which will convene in January 2020. Officers are elected by the board nominated. {From the Bylaws, Article III, Section 2; “The board will consist of up to twelve (12) and no less than five (5) voting members. There shall be elected by and from the Board of Directors a President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary/Clerk who will be considered the officers of the association.”} Please consider joining the board, self-nominations encouraged!

AIPA BLOOD DRIVE, Thursday, October 22, 2019 12pm-5:00pm at Logan Furniture, 1 Kiddie Drive, Door E, Avon, MA 02322. For an appointment, please visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) Flyer attached for posting.

## **Old Business**

The Fundrive was very successful, check it out here on Facebook  
<https://www.facebook.com/426289107756666/posts/1176101932775376/>

The link to the AIPA directory has changed, it has been updated on the Town of Avon’s website and if your company uses the link on its own website please update from <http://www.avonindustrialpark.org/member-directory/> to <http://www.avonindustrialpark.org/aipa-membership/member-directory/>

## **Around Avon**

Octoberfest, presented by Avon Civic Association at DeMarco Park Sunday, Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> 12-4:00pm and at Blanchard’s Tavern (21+ event) with Black Hat Brew Works from 3-6:00pm, flyer’s attached for posting.

**Please direct any questions or comments through the AIPA website <http://www.avonindustrialpark.org/contact-us/> there will be no replies to this newsletter.**