

Waldwick Chamber of Commerce - General Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, November 19, 2025

Time: 8:30 AM

Location: Waldwick Public Library

1. Call to Order - President **Stan Kowalski** opened the meeting at 8:30 AM.

2. Attendees - Mary Beth Nappi (Terrie O'Connor Realtors); Neha Garcia (Bombay Hut); Jim Prussack (Applause Home Care); George Reskakus; Amanda Krakowiak (Heritage WBE Inc.); Cristyn Madley (Families for Families); Natilia Arciszewski (DD&D LLC); Salina McLaughlin (Waldwick Neighbors Magazine); Dave Barthold (Christie's International); Carol Cuttita; Lauren Schreiber (Waldwick Neighbors Magazine); Julie Pignatelli (Generation III); Gregg Butler (SCORE); Stella Apo Osae-Twum (Clean & Thrive); Christine Figuliuolo (Creations by Christine Events); Nancy Enriques (Bagel Bros II); Ashley Riker (Christie's HHK); Vanda Ondries (St. Eve's Restaurant); Giuseppe Cascio (Prudential Bank); Stan Kowalski (President); Chuck Farricker; Barbara Hand (West Bergen Health); Lori Quinn (Waldwick Library); Brian Mackey (Cruises by Brian). Kat Yannaluf (Sir Junk); Megan Becker (One River Allendale); Katelin Kelley (Salt Pilates)

3. Introductions- Members introduced themselves and their respective businesses/organizations.

4. Membership Overview (as reported by Stan Kowalski)

- Total Members: **113**
 - Non-profit Organizations: **22**
 - Businesses Based in Waldwick: **71**
 - Businesses Outside Waldwick: **42**
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5. Approval of Minutes - Motion to waive the reading of and approve the **October 15, 2025** meeting minutes. **First:** Dave Barthold **Second:** Giuseppe Cascio **Motion carried**

6. Chamber Updates & Announcements

New Members Welcomed - Stan welcomed three new Chamber members: **One River School** – Megan Becker, **C. Winter Supply** – Theo Gastonis, **Zen Business** – Cody Brooke

Key Food / Food Emporium Update - Stan reported that **Key Food (Food Emporium)** will be opening at **19 Wyckoff Avenue** in the former Giant Market location, with a **grand opening expected in January**.

Taste of Waldwick Donation - The Chamber formally presented **Jim Prussack (Applause Home Care)** with a **\$1,500** check from proceeds of the Taste of Waldwick, to be donated to the **Alzheimer's Walk**.

TREPs Event - Members discussed the recent **TREPs entrepreneurship event at Crescent Elementary School**, noting it was well-attended, inspiring, and beneficial for young future entrepreneurs. **Connie Alcoser, VP of Elementary Curriculum & Instruction** invited everyone to this event we thank her.

DECA Judges Request - Stan asked if any Chamber members were interested in serving as judges for the upcoming DECA competition at Ramapo, noting that **60+ Waldwick High School students** will be participating.

Shop Small Saturday Reminder - Members were reminded to support local businesses on **Shop Small Saturday – November 29, 2025**.

W5K Run Update Stan noted that the **Waldwick Chamber 5K Run** is **165 days away**. **Our theme this year is celebrating the 250th Anniversary of America**.

Chip Yerger (Professional Organizer Consultant) spoke about his journey & the Navy Seal, very inspiring story.

Community & Member Updates

- **Christine Figuliuolo** reminded members of her upcoming **AIM event in February**, which will include Chip and other Chamber participants.
- **Cristyn Madley (Families for Families)** thanked the Chamber for recent donations and support and noted that a few families are still in need; interested members were encouraged to contact her directly.
- Members were encouraged to review town December events, as there are many opportunities to participate and support the community.
- A reminder was issued about the upcoming **Chamber Holiday Party**, and members were asked to RSVP if planning to attend.
- **Reminder Heritage WBE December 10 Christmas Party.**
- **Dr. Jennifer Miano at Miano Family Chiropractic Center** above 7/11 is still collecting Toys for Tots.

7. Upcoming Events (as reviewed)

- **November 23** – Learning Experience Story Time with Bubbles
- **November 29** – Shop Small Saturday
- **December 4** – Waldwick Chamber Holiday Party
- **December 5** – Waldwick Annual Christmas Tree Lighting
- **December 7** – Bergen Volunteers “Neighbors Helping Neighbors”
- **December 10** – Heritage WBE Holiday Party
- **December 14** – Waldwick Annual Menorah Lighting

Members were directed to the Chamber newsletter and website for additional events.

8. Next Meeting - **Date:** Wednesday, January 21, 2026 | **Time:** 8:30 AM | **Location:** Waldwick Public Library. | **Guest Speaker:** **Lucia Cardona**, Certified Life Coach specializing in empowering entrepreneurs and business leaders through vision-driven leadership.

9. Thanksgiving Message (as shared by the Chamber)

On behalf of the Waldwick Chamber of Commerce, members and their families were wished a very Happy Thanksgiving, with gratitude expressed for their continued support of the Chamber and community.

10. Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:30 AM.