



January 2011

Dear Brenda,

As we begin this wonderful New Year, I hope you'll give some thought to getting involved with your Chamber of Commerce. This will undoubtedly be another challenging year, but faced head on right now, the outlook can be positive.

That is the clear message for our Annual Meeting's tagline: **TAXES, are we there yet?** The Chamber will be looking for eliminating the deficit through spending cuts and avoiding more taxes. You can view its Public Policy Statement [here](#).

Jeb Spaulding and Betsy Bishop will do presentations covering where we are and what can be done to have the best possible outcome. Along these lines, [here's](#) a thought provoking bit for you to ponder. Which direction do you see things going in?

## CV Chamber Annual Meeting

You are invited to attend the January 25th Annual Meeting at the Capitol Plaza from 7 - 9 AM. The topic is **TAXES: Are we there yet?**



Your partner in business

Guest speakers are Jeb Spaulding and Betsy Bishop. [Read More](#)

In addition to the guest speakers, the Chamber will be electing its new Directors and Officers. Directors up for election to three-year terms are:

- Steve Gilman, Middlesex Electric;
- Tim Ross, Northfield Savings Bank;
- Cody Patno, Noyle W. Johnson;
- Randy LaGue, Comfort Inn & Suites;
- Robert Cook, Liberty Mutual.

Additional candidates may be nominated by written nomination signed by not less than ten members of the corporation and to be filed with the Executive Vice-President not less than five days prior to the date set for the annual meeting.

[Listen](#) to State Treasurer Jeb Spaulding as he discusses the state's economy and problems facing the retirement programs for employees and teachers last fall.



## Our eNews Sponsors



Continuing Directors include:

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- Mike Donovan, WSNO/FRANK/WWFY;
- Heather Shouldice, William Shouldice & Assoc. LLC;
- Gunner McCain, McCain Consulting;
- Dona Bate, dbate speaking;
- Scott Nichols, VT State Employees C U;
- Dain Herring, Northern Benefits Ltd.
- Susan Kruthers, Central VT Medical Center.

Immediately following the election, these Directors will then elect the 2011 Slate of Officers:

- President Steve Gilman, Middlesex Electric
- Past President Neal Meier, Union Institute & University
- VP Leadership Mike Woodfield, First in Fitness
- VP Planning Gunner McCain, McCain Consulting
- Secretary/Treasurer Leslie Sanborn, R & L Archery

We hope you will join us! Get the flyer [here](#).

## Items of Interest

### **For Chamber Members What a Deal!**



Chamber members can get any service at half off. Yes, ANY service and HALF OFF. We can't combine this with other offers, and it's not

good on hardware, but it's still a great deal. Offer expires January 31st, and is limited to one use per company.

Get the full flyer [here](#).

Stay busy, stay warm, stay safe. I hope to see you at the Annual Meeting!

Sincerely,

*Brenda Comstock*

Central Vermont Chamber