

CBA MEMBER OF THE YEAR



The Chelmsford Business Association is pleased to announce Dennis McHugh as its 2010 Member of the Year. Dennis was presented with the award by last year's recipient, Brian Reidy, at our annual Holiday Social which was held at the Radisson on December 4th.

Any member of the association is eligible for the award. To be considered, a member must first be nominated. This can be done at any time of the year by any member of the association. Once nominated a list of the candidates' contributions is compiled and forwarded to the nominating committee. The nominating committee then weighs each candidate's specific contributions to the town, the community and the association. These accomplishments are then rated by the value of the contribution. Out of all the candidates, our top three candidates came within just 8 points of each other. Our first and second place candidates were just 1 point away from each other! This left the

committee with a difficult decision. All of our nominated members were excellent choices for the award. We believe this says a lot about the quality of our membership, that we had such a difficult time choosing just one winner. We would like to thank all the nominated members, even though we do not publicly disclose their names; your efforts and contributions are not unnoticed and are appreciated.

Dennis, who was president of the class of 1966 and is a member of the Hall of Fame is truly a citizen that the association and entire town can be proud of. He is a Harvard University graduate and following that went on to proudly serve his country as a naval officer in Vietnam. He is an attorney with over 30 years practicing right here in Chelmsford. He has also held a variety of positions in town including: He has been a Library Trustee, served on the Board of the Chelmsford Scholarship Committee, the Chelmsford High Alumni Association, the Lowell Five Cent Savings Bank and the Greater Lowell

Home Builders Association. For over thirty years he has served as Town Moderator – certainly a challenging position that he has performed with great skill. For 15 years he has participated in mock trials explaining the intricacies of trial law to young people. With his guidance students have gone on to national competitions.

Other contributions include using his love of music to further town causes such as fund raisers for the Byam Elementary and South Row Schools, the 4th of July Parade and the Chelmsford Holiday Prelude.

Dennis also coached soccer, baseball and basketball when his sons were growing up. One of his pet projects is the Juvenile Diabetes Association. His son was diagnosed in his early teenage years and Dennis has been an avid supporter of raising funds to find a cure.

As the 2010 CBA Member of the year, Dennis continues the tradition of being a well deserving recipient! Congratulations, Dennis McHugh!