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Change of heart

No more 'interim' for chamber president

Back in August, Paul Boudreau, the then interim president of the Morris County Chamber of Commerce, met with our editorial board. He was asked if he would take the job permanently. He said:

"I have a little consulting business, and I have clients, and I don't want to give that up. But I will be involved, hopefully, in looking at the candidates for that job and trying to keep the organization moving in the right direction."

Well, Boudreau now has decided that he's the best guy to keep the chamber moving in the right direction. The chamber announced last week that Boudreau will take the job full time. He replaces Florence Bloch, who resigned in July.

In the August interview, Boudreau said the chamber president needs to be a good manager, but that's only part of it.

"It takes a certain type of personality, a person who wants to be out there walking the streets," he said at the time. "You need someone who has a great political antenna."

Boudreau has a political background, having served early in his career as a state legislator in Maine. He later worked in corporate relations with Honeywell. Boudreau is a personable sort, and we think he'll do a good job advocating the interests of the chamber and the 700 businesses it represents.

Asked why he changed his mind and opted to stay on, Boudreau said he found that he enjoyed the job and that those he worked with enjoyed having him around. Sounds like it was an easy decision.
