



BURLINGTON
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
SUPPORTING LOCAL BUSINESSES

Membership Meeting Minutes
Burlington Insurance Agency, Burlington CT
Thursday, September 28 2016

- I. Call to Order – 8:07 am
- II. Attendance
 - a. Peter Bevivino - Chair (President), Tom Martin (Vice President), Rich Browning (Treasurer), Jerry Burns (Secretary), Chris Borda (Director), John Kirschner (Director), Jill Russell (Director), Colleen Ververis (Director)
- III. Peter B. called a meeting of the Board and Directors to discuss and vote upon the Chamber no longer taking the lead in the planning and running of Tavern Day.
- IV. Discussion on reasons why
 - a. Too taxing on our individual businesses due to the time needed to plan, manage and operate Tavern Day.
 - b. Biggest reason is exercising our fiduciary responsibility to the Chamber.
 - i. We lose money every year on an event that is not primarily a Chamber-focused event.
 - ii. While the cooperation with Town Hall has been very good the past few years, we are exposed to even larger losses should the cost of the police and Town Highway Department not be picked up in any given year.
 1. This happened not too long ago resulting in a loss of thousands of dollars. Thankfully, that was forgiven by the Town due to the efforts of our Chamber to get all the constituents working together again.
 - iii. Rich B. shared the most recent financials for Tavern Day:
 1. 2016 had \$2,200 of sponsorships and we will still lose an estimated \$878 this year.
 2. We lost \$994 in 2015
 - c. Jerry B. said it is more important to fund initiatives like Business After Hours, Whine & Unwind, Coffee & Chats...not cover losses for Tavern Day.
- V. Discussion on exit strategy
 - a. Colleen V. asked if the Town is aware of our intentions. Peter B. shared that he has talked with our First Selectman.
 - b. Talked about the Chamber being willing to run the Business Expo and find sponsors, if the new planner has such needs going forward.
 - c. John K. said we should vote with no stipulations, should we vote to cede this role, as the next leadership may have other ideas on how this event should be operated.
- VI. Motion for the Chamber Board and Directors to Relinquish Chamber Tavern Day Planning and Management effective immediately was put forward by John K., 2nd by Chris B.; Vote was All in Favor.



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VII. Adjourn – Motion Jerry B., Rich B. 2nd, All in Favor – 8:52 am

Next Meeting – None Scheduled