



BURLINGTON
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
SUPPORTING LOCAL BUSINESSES

Membership Meeting Minutes
Elton Tavern, Burlington CT
Thursday, July 20, 2017

- I. Call to Order – 12:02 pm
- II. Attendance
 - a. Peter Bevivino – Chair (President), Rich Browning (Treasurer), Jerry Burns (Secretary), Chris Borda (Director), Cindy Bombard (Central CT CC President), Kerry Brash (Member), Marjorie Bowen (Member), Mike Branagan (Member), Diana Lepore (Member)
- III. Past Minutes
 - a. June 15, 2017 reviewed; Peter B. motioned to accept as-is, Diana L. 2nd, All in Favor.
- IV. Treasurer Report
 - a. New/Renewed/Rejoined Members
 - i. Leszek Wrona’s Soccer Academy (Rejoined)
 - ii. Finnegans Tavern (New)
 - iii. Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices New England Properties – Pia Ciccone (Rejoined)
 - b. Bank deposit amount of \$7,861.82
 - c. Still expecting July 2017 renewals of \$2,000.00.
 - d. Peter B. motioned to accept, Marjorie B. 2nd; All in Favor
- V. Old Business
 - a. Business After Hours – Torrington Savings Bank
 - i. Very good feedback from all who attended, Torrington Savings employees and the Northwest Chamber.
 - ii. The event was very well-attended which made the outstanding effort by Jill Russell and her TSB employees worth the effort!
- VI. New Business
 - a. New Chamber Event - Halloween Truck or Treat October 15th
 - i. Peter B. shared that the plan is to have decorated trucks and business expo booths.
 - ii. Cindy B. offered to get us a State Police contact for possible emergency vehicle participation.
 - b. Tavern Day discussion on sponsorship opportunities and Business Expo
 - i. Discussion on why no Auto Show this year due to main contact moving out of state recently with no viable replacement to pick it up.
 1. Hope to create a new Chamber Auto Show with Food Truck to benefit the Burlington Community Fund in 2018. Will start planning in the fall.
 - c. Multi-Chamber Event



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- i. Moving the planning to spring to accommodate Larsen’s Garden Center as they wanted that time of year for aesthetics. Also, so much going on with Tavern Day and Truck-or-Treat that it makes sense to plan over the winter.
 - d. Chamber Sign
 - i. Discussion on the upcoming schedule and to let members know to request time.
 - e. Banner Ad Program
 - i. Our first 6-month sponsorships banners are up.
 - ii. Will reach out in November for the January to June banners.
 - f. Board of Directors
 - i. Peter B. shared that Mike Scheidel has stepped down as a Director.
 - ii. Several members present have expressed interest in filling this position
 - iii. Will need a Board meeting to discuss and vote for new Director. To be scheduled after the summer.
 - iv. Cindy B. said may want to reach out to Bristol Hospital for that position which may make them more active in Burlington Chamber.
 - g. Chamber News & Updates
 - i. Cindy B. shared the CCCC information directly:
 - 1. State of the Cities meeting information including State update on budget
 - 2. CCCC will be putting on a gubernatorial event, probably January/February 2018
 - 3. October 18th Business Forum at the Farmington Gardens
 - 4. Moving to new HQ in Bristol and will have Grand Opening in September
 - 5. Discussed upcoming Golf tournament
 - ii. Northwest CT Chamber
 - 1. Peter B. discussed the September 16th Over the Edge fundraising event at Torrington Towers.
- VII. Open Forum - None
- VIII. Adjourn – Motion Jerry B., Peter B. 2nd, All in Favor – 12:56 pm

Next Meeting – Thursday, September 21, 2017 @ 12:00 pm at the Elton Tavern, Burlington CT