



**BURLINGTON**  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
SUPPORTING LOCAL BUSINESSES

**Membership Meeting Minutes**  
**Elton Tavern, Burlington CT**  
**Thursday, December 20, 2018**

- I. Call to Order – 12:03 pm
- II. Attendance – Peter Bevivino (President), Rich Browning (Treasurer), Jerry Burns (Secretary), Chris Borda (Director), Marjorie Bowen (Director), Kerry Brash (Director)
- III. Past Minutes – November 15, 2018 minutes reviewed; Peter B. motioned to accept, Chris B. 2<sup>nd</sup>, All in Favor.
- IV. Treasurer Report
  - a. Bank balance of \$11,751.78
  - b. Holiday Party expenses have all cleared
    - a. Food, Beverage, Table Cloths & Hall totaled \$2,107.02
  - c. Membership
    - a. 59 Active Members
      - i. Alliance Bail Bond dropped out.
  - d. Peter B. motioned to accept, Kerry B. 2<sup>nd</sup>; All in Favor
- V. New Business
  - a. Christmas Trees in Town Center
    - i. Town has received complaints about trees and perceived cost to town. Reality is Chamber either collects donations from participating businesses and will cover any shortage based on next point.
    - ii. This year, donation levels were frankly disappointing with complaints about off setting the cost of making our Town Center beautiful during the holidays.
    - iii. Town would like to go directly with wholesaler and get 1 week earlier so have ready when ready to go around Thanksgiving.
    - iv. Will try to start marketing in October 2019 to only put trees up where wanted.
  - b. Discover Burlington
    - i. Quick update from Peter B. on this option for our members.
  - c. Burlington Chamber By-laws Project Update



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- i. Jerry B. has updated with mid-January Board Meeting to be held to discuss and, hopefully, ratify for Membership vote.
  - d. Discussion on the services needed by our Chamber, what is being offered by both the Northwest CT Chamber of Commerce and the Central CT Chambers of Commerce. Will have Board Meeting soon to evaluate, discuss and vote how to move forward in 2019.
    - i. Peter B. will email both affiliate presidents of our custom needs and ask for pricing to reflect just that so we can compare at our January 2019 Board Meeting.
- VI. Open Forum Discussions
  - a. None
- VII. Adjourn at 1:12 pm

**Next Meeting – Thursday, January 17th - 12:00 pm at Elton Tavern, Burlington CT**