



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2022 – NOON

VIRTUAL

Member Meeting Minutes

- I.) Call to Order: 12:06 PM by Kerry Brash
- II.) Attendance: Kerry Brash- President, Richard Browning- Treasurer, Margie Bowen - Board Member, Jade Athas- Board Member, 1st Selectman Doug Thompson, Cindy Bombard- President of Central CT Chamber, Judi Ann Lausier- Board Member, John Seagrave- Board Member, John Haddad, Lisa Ferris-Brooker Memorial
- III.) Member introductions around the table, then featured speaker.
- IV.) Motion to approve January Minutes: John Seagrave motioned, Jade Athas 2nd. Approved
- V.) First Selectman, Doug Thompson – Town updates:
 - Larry Farrel, Land and Use Committee reported, via Kerry, that the current construction has begun for the liquor store and tenant R. Patel is interested in developing a third building on Library Lane. He would like to propose a small-scale grocery store. An exploratory committee is being established to study the infrastructure needs, traffic flow, traffic signal pattern, sidewalks and lighting that would need to be considered.
 - There was a tremendous outcry, for years, for some type of newspaper or town publication. It was proposed that Town Selectman’s Office could start one and perhaps collaborate with the school on it. Rose Pont at Explore Farmington, economic development puts a monthly one together. The town works it in their budget.
- VI.) Treasurers Report – Margie Bowen 1st motion, Judi Ann 2nd. Approved.
 - Bank Balance = \$12,854.50
 - Expenses since last report (1/20/2022):
 - \$132.76 - Web Hosting, Eversource, QuickBooks
 - \$68.75 – CCC Newsletter Printing for Feb. 2022
 - Outstanding Payments:
 - \$1,000.00 -LSM Scholarship Fund
 - Anticipated Expenses:
 - \$5,000.00 CCC Annual Admin Fee (billed quarterly starting Q2 2022)
 - \$303.00- Webscape Design
 - Credits since last meeting:
 - \$788.42 dues collected since last report
 - Receivables:
 - \$625.00 additional dues anticipated through Q1 2022
- VII.) Cindy Bombard, Central CT Chambers of Commerce: The Central CT Regional Chamber hosted its annual Legislative session which included 13 local and state representatives. It was a 90-minute presentation and was well attended.
 - Upcoming Dates of Interest:

- March 19 – Health and WELLNESS Expo, Bristol Eastern High School
- April 14 – Regional Job Fair, DoubleTree by Hilton in Bristol
- June 1st – Annual Dinner, AquaTurf, NOTE: Greenhouse Tavern receiving award
- Burlington Chamber Upcoming Events:
 - March 14th – Meet & Greet Town Selectman Doug Thompson – Crescent Manufacturing 8AM – 9AM
 - May 5th Business After Hours Irongate Insurance, joint event with the Avon/Canton Chamber of Commerce

VIII.) Committee Reports:

Membership – Rich:

- Active business members = 53
- New business members = 0: 1 Pending- Bees Contracting & Remodeling
- Lapsed members = 1: American Lawnsapes CT
- Non-renewing members = 1: HuddleUp Photography
- Active Friends of BCC members = 6
- New Friends of BCC members = 0

Suggestion made to follow up with members for the rescheduled meet and greet and to those that RSVP for the February event.

Dues Increase Discussion: A couple of different dues structures were presented pre-meeting that compared other local chambers fee structure. Burlington’s primary businesses are home-based so there is concern over the fees for them and fees for businesses of 1-2 people. It was decided to table the discussion until a full quorum but will put a new dues proposal out via e-mail for members to vote on by the end of next week.

Events – Kerry:

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Marketing – Margie, Kerry:

- Website update: New dues structure to be added once voted upon. Other updates to be made once CCCC takes over billing.

IX.) Meeting adjourned at 1:05.