



THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2022 – NOON

VIRTUAL

### Member Meeting Minutes

- I.) Call to Order: 12:04 PM by Kerry Brash
- II.) Attendance: Kerry Brash- President, Richard Browning- Treasurer, Margie Bowen - Board Member, Jade Athas- Board Member, 1<sup>st</sup> Selectman Doug Thompson, Cindy Bombard- President, Central CT Chamber, Katie D’Agostino- Central CT Chamber, Carla DuBois, Secretary, Colleen Ververis- V. President, John Haddad, Diane Rivard
- III.) Member introductions
- IV.) Motion to approve February Minutes: Moved to April’s meeting
- V.) First Selectman, Doug Thompson – Town updates:
  - Library Lane: Negotiations continue for Parcel B. It has been publicly mentioned that Mr. Patel is considering putting in a grocery store. Other developers have approached discussions and ongoing discussions will continue.
  - Grants: Town is working on grants they have for sidewalks and additional grants. Doug has a meeting this upcoming Monday with the State of CT.
  - The Meet and Greet at Crescent Manufacturing was well attended and went well. There was an introduction of the idea of having a Town Newsletter.
- VI.) Treasurers Report – Diane Rivard 1<sup>st</sup> motion, Jade Athas 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved.
  - Bank Balance = \$10,844.62
  - Expenses since last report (2/17/2022):
    - \$129.59- Web Hosting, Eversource, QuickBooks
    - \$1,000 – LSM Scholarship Fund check cleared
    - \$1,250.00 CCC Annual Admin Fee (Q1 2022)
    - \$303.00 – Webscape Designs (Q2 2022)
  - Credits since last meeting:
    - \$723.58 dues collected since last report
  - Receivables:
    - \$250.00 dues anticipated through March 2022
- VII.) Cindy Bombard, Central CT Chambers of Commerce: Nice to be a part of the Meet and Greet with Doug, 50 people attended the Morning Jolt that was held at the DoubleTree Hotel on 3/6/2022.
  - Burlington’s Expanded Affiliation with the Central CT Chamber: In early 2022, the Burlington Chamber of Commerce began to review its organizational structure to identify opportunities for efficiencies. Recognizing the Board of Directors of the Burlington Chamber of Commerce is a volunteer organization, the Chamber concluded that to best serve the businesses, civic groups, community organizations, and the residents of the Town of Burlington it would be beneficial to work closer with the Central Connecticut Chambers of Commerce. The Central Connecticut Chambers of Commerce will take on the responsibility of billing the Burlington Chamber members, as well as onboarding new Burlington Chamber members. The process will be

seamless with the only items of note to Burlington Chamber members being the mailing address members receive bills from which will now be that of the Central Connecticut Chambers of Commerce in Bristol, billing email addresses will now be from Central Connecticut Chambers of Commerce, and new members may now join online at [CentralCTChambers.org](http://CentralCTChambers.org). Burlington Chamber President, Kerry Brash noted, "The Burlington Chamber of Commerce is run by an enthusiastic and energetic board of volunteers. Turning over our back-office responsibilities to CCCC will allow us to devote our energies to providing meaningful networking and educational events that will enhance our member businesses' growth and success."

Additionally, the Burlington Chamber of Commerce has been able to hold its dues structure flat for a multitude of years. Given the current inflation all businesses are experiencing, as a business organization the Burlington Chamber will institute a minimal dues increase beginning in July 2022. The new dues structure will be Home-Based Businesses and Non-Profit Organizations: \$125, 1–5 Employees: \$225, 6–10 Employees: \$250, 11–50 Employees: \$275, 50+ Employees: \$300. Donations to be a "Friend of the Burlington Chamber" will remain the same at \$50.

- Upcoming Dates of Interest:
  - April 14 – Regional Job Fair, DoubleTree by Hilton in Bristol
  - June 1<sup>st</sup> – Annual Dinner, AquaTurf, NOTE: Greenhouse Tavern receiving award
  - August: Annual Golf Tournament
- Burlington Chamber Upcoming Events
  - May 5<sup>th</sup> Business After Hours Irongate Insurance, joint event with the Avon/Canton Chamber of Commerce

VIII.) Committee Reports:

**Membership** – Rich:

- Active business members = 55
- New business members = 2: Bees Contracting and Remodeling and the Swimming Pool Store
- Lapsed members = 0
- Non-renewing members = 0
- Active Friends of BCC members = 6
- New Friends of BCC members = 0

**Events** – Kerry: Meeting 3/18/2022 9AM

- Job Fair – April 14<sup>th</sup> – Regional Job Fair, DoubleTree by Hilton in Bristol
- Access Health CT -Zoom
- Chip Janiszewski – Happiness & Success Motivational Speaker
- Darien Graells B.A. (she, he, hers), Region 10 Coalition Coordinator
- May 5<sup>th</sup> – BAH Irongate Insurance, joint event with Avon/Canton Chamber

**Marketing** – Margie, Kerry:

- Website update: New Membership form/link

IX.) Meeting adjourned at 12:27 PM