



## Member Meeting Minutes Thursday, October 20, 2022

Called to order by President Kerry Brash at 12:05 PM.  
Moment of silence given for the fallen policemen of Bristol.

Attendance and brief introductions made by members in attendance: Jade Athes-Treasurer, John Seagrave-Director, Doug Thompson-First Selectman, Cindy Bombard-Central CT regional Chamber President, Margie Bowen-Director, Kerry Brash-President, Judi Ann Lausier-Director, Diane Rivard-Member, Michelle Cutrali-Member

Today's guest was new member Michelle Cutrali of Cutrali Insurance & Financial Services, LLC.

### Treasurer's Report: Jade Athes

*A copy of the budget and financial submissions is available from Rich or Kerry upon request.*

We have \$9,839.00 in the account. Beyond usual expenses paid out were: \$1,500 to Tavern Days and \$1,250 admin fees for our quarterly payment to the Regional Chamber.

Motion to approve made by John Seagrave and seconded by Margie B—Approved.

First Selectman's Report: Mr. Thompson gave a brief recap of our officers' involvement and response to the tragic incident on Oct. 12 and that the local trooper office will continue to support or cover shifts as needed.

ARPA: The town received 2.8 million for disbursement. Darlene Menard, senior accountant, will be the point person. An informational post card was sent out to the community at large with website and contact information. RFP by businesses, non-profits, residents and the town can now be submitted for review. Deadline will be Dec. 31, 2022.

There will be a review board of the applications and then a suggested list will be brought before the town council and selectmen. Approximately \$90,000 of funding will go to the police to comply with accountability act guidelines. The allocated funds will come by 2024 and must be spent by 2026.

### Other issues:

- Library Lane continuing to look for grants
- Selectmen has an upcoming meeting with DOT on sidewalks
- Covey Rd. bridge update from contract states a supply issue for material-United Concrete is hopeful to have resolved soon.
- Newsletter: Park and Rec department has agreed to assist in getting this started.



Central CT Chambers Report: Cindy Bombard

Outstanding Chamber member dues: Bristol Health, Miller Fuels, and Mary Jane Rainer, Chiropractor for a total of \$850.00

Dec. 14 will be the Regional holiday party and small business awards, while Burlington's holiday party is Dec. 12.

Margie requested that a Google doc be developed and maintained to share, so that if a member has lapsed, she can take their business off the website.

Membership: John S. reported that the committee met, and he and Rich scrubbed the prospecting mailing list. A new letter of introduction and asking to join will be made and mailed out in the next two weeks. The letter will also include a flyer to the Business After Hours event at Larson's Greenhouse.

Event Committee: Kerry/Diane

Sadly, the cost of live trees is prohibited this year, as much as \$40-50 per tree. The option of purchasing artificial ones was discussed which is practical in the long haul, but storage of 100 trees is an issue.

Second option: just to have a large, 7 foot, tree in center of green this year.

A few additional nurseries will be called and updates will be sent to members in an email.

Social media: Jade is doing an outstanding job of refreshing the Facebook page and plans to feature one business each week and welcome new members as they join.

Meeting adjourned at 1:05 pm

Submitted by  
Judi Ann Lausier