



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2023 – NOON

MEETING MINUTES

- 1) Call to Order at 12:04pm
- 2) Attendance
 - I. Kerry Brash – President, Colleen Ververis – VP, John Seagrave – Director, Rich Browning – Director, Jade Athas - Treasurer, Sharon Farmer – Burlington Economic Development Committee, Doug Thompson – First Selectman
 - II. Sharon Farmer with EDC spoke of working directly with the Chamber, interested in Website design for benefits to businesses, coordinate our efforts, CC has an EDC committee and Sharon is interested in attending those meetings.
- 3) Minutes
 - I. First Motion: Rich Browning
 - II. Second Motion: John Seagrave
- 4) Treasurers Report
 - I. Bank Balance = \$10,244.86
 - a. Expenses since last report:
 - i. \$240.44 Web Hosting (\$79.99 x2 Feb& Dec.), Eversource (\$50.16), QuickBooks (\$30.30)
 - ii. \$25.66 - Pizza and Salad for November Member Meeting
 - iii. \$56.90 – New Member Referral x 2
 - b. Credits since last report:
 - i. \$1,080 dues collected since last report
 - c. Accounts Receivables:
 - i. \$1,925 outstanding for Dec. billing cycle
 - ii. 9 Members
 - II. Dropbox account update – credit from Dropbox?
 - a. Question came up regarding credit drop box, Margie states they are not giving refunds or closing accounts.
 - b. Do not pay, don't renew.
- 5) Current Business
 - I. Town Selectman, Doug Thompson's Town Update
 - a) Thanks to the entire Chamber for the successful Ribbon cutting at I Know A Guy.
 - b) Feb 26 event for First Responder appreciation at LSM, refreshments, and a moment of silence for fallen officers from Bristol.
 - Proclamation from the State Legislature
 - Will be included on newsletter

- Jade to share to FB page.
 - c) March 3rd is deadline for Funds/Grants \$\$ came from fed government for those who forced to shut down. Kerry suggested lemongrass take advantage of grant.
- II. Cindy Bombard
- a) 23rd is Legislative Forum- regional legislators attending, open to 100 attendees.
 - Format is more interactive to discuss concerns etc.
 - b) Sept 6 Annual Dinner
 - Discussion required for small business award
 - c) Leadership training – 9 months 1 per month
 - d) Tuscany trip Nov 1-9
- III. Membership – Rich
- a) New Members, Outreach & Retention
 - a. 1 new member, Nicole Elliott Berkshire Hathaway
 - b. 64 total members, 8 past due, none lapsed
 - c. 5 friends of BCC
 - d. Recruiting Enclave who seems receptive to join
 - b) Friends of BCC – create a new flyer
- IV. Event Committee – Kerry
- a) I Know A Guy Deli – Jan/Feb Ribbon Cutting
 - Ribbon cutting had a great turnout 40 + people
 - b) Aventurine – Educational event; Business Roadmap to build a healthy business
 - Toms’ event had 8 registrations Lunch and Learn
 - c) Larsons – Spring event with Avon/Canton
 - Larsons Garden club/Pollinator Program
 - d) Right Step Mortgage – Summer event with Avon/Canton
 - e) Marcum LLC – Joint event with another member at Burlington location
 - f) Greenhouse – Late winter?
 - Cindy suggests combine awards with holiday party.
 - Thoughts regarding annual meeting party to be discussed
 - g) The Swimming Pool Store
 - h) Enclave
 - i) Suggestion for a porch tasting at Burlington Spirit do we need a permit?
 - j) Tavern Day 2023
 - Tavern Day to begin meeting in March, hopefully Joh Hadid will take over Business Expo
- V. Marketing
- a) Website – board discussion & vote required
- VI. New Business
- a) Donna Eriksen email – Pollinator Program
- VII. Adjourn at 12:55pm