



MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, March 20th, 2025 (Noon) - Burlington Public Library

- 1) **Call to Order:** at 12:10pm by John Seagrave
- 2) **Around the Room (:30 intros):** Katie D'Agostino – CCCC President, Heather Chirumbolo – Director, Jordan Sanford – Secretary, John Seagrave – BCC President, Rich Browning – Director/Treasurer, DJ Murphy – Member, Judi Ann Lausier – Director, Kerry Brash – Past BCC President, JP Parente – Member & EDC, Margie Bowen – Director.
- 3) **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes** – February
 - a. Motion to Approve:
 - i. 1st Motion: Rich Browning
 - ii. 2nd Motion: Kerry Brash
- 4) **Treasurer's Report**
 - a. Megan (sadly) has left the Chamber and M&T Bank – Rich has stepped in to cover as Treasurer
 - i. Rich has assumed the position as interim Treasurer through term ending June 2026
 - ii. Megan has accepted a position outside of Burlington and is no longer able to serve. We wish her well in her new role at COCC!
 - iii. Bank Balance = \$16,877.69
 - iv. Expenses since last report:
 1. \$316.94 – Eversource (\$47.60) + QuickBooks (\$35.35) + In Concert Web Solutions (\$74.99) + Webscape Design (\$159.00)
 2. \$68.50 – I Know A Guy – lunch for Feb Member Meeting
 3. \$1,375.00 – Central CT Chambers Q1 2025 Admin Fees
 - v. Credits since last report:
 1. \$760 – Membership Dues
 - vi. Accounts Receivable = \$4,175.00
 - vii. Rich will put a call-to-action for the Membership Committee to contact past due members.
 1. Jordan offered to help as well.
 - b. Motion to Approve
 - i. 1st Motion: Judi Ann Lausier
 - ii. 2nd Motion: Kerry Brash
- 5) **Town & Affiliate Reports**
 - a. Doug Thompson (First Selectman) – Unable to attend and no updates today
 - b. J.P. Parente (EDC)
 - i. Report coming out soon regarding the Main Street Foundation Committee
 - c. J.P. Parente (Tavern Day)
 - i. First meeting of the season is tonight – more to follow
 - ii. Possible Parade being planned for the 250 celebration – more to come
 - d. Katie D'Agostino (Central CT Chamber of Commerce)

- i. 36th new member of the year!
- ii. Upcoming CCCC Events:
 - 1. March 25th – The Everything Expo, 2-7pm
 - 2. April 26th – Pickle Ball Tournament @ Camp Pickle Ball in Plainville, CT
 - 3. June 4th – Awards Dinner at the Bristol Award Center
- iii. John and Katie to discuss Leads Categories – both Leads Groups may have openings

6) Committee Updates

- a. Membership – *Rich*
 - i. Business members = 91
 - 1. New business members = 1 (Roberson Tierney & Associates)
 - ii. Friends of BCC members = 9
 - 1. New Friends of BCC members = 0
 - iii. Past due members = 21 business members
 - 1. 20 members from Jan 2025 and 1 member from July 2024
- b. Events – *Kerry/Jade*
 - i. 2025 Events:
 - 1. April 9th from 5:30-7:30pm - BCC Trivia Night @ Enclave Grille!
 - a. Sponsorships are available
 - b. Ticket costs cover prizes, etc.
 - c. Teams of 4 or 6 people!
 - d. Thom going to work on pushing socials and flyers with QR code left on tables at Enclave Grille until event to encourage locals to attend!
 - e. Heather is going to add Trivia to the BurlingtonLive.com calendar
 - 2. April 28th – Irongate BAH
 - 3. May – Still working with Cat (Branch Manager of NWCB) to confirm dates for NWCB
 - a. Hoping to have an answer by next week
 - b. Considering utilizing I Know a Guy Deli to cater!
 - 4. July – Plaza Party (Enclave Parking Lot)
 - a. Planning in the works
 - 5. August - Network Palooza w/ Litchfield Area Business Association (LABA)
 - a. Possible new location for the event at Litchfield Distillery, located in Litchfield, CT – instead of doing it at the Harwinton Fairgrounds like last year
 - i. Estimating 80-100 people to be in attendance
 - ii. There is a parking issue there, but they're going to work on it
 - iii. Proposed date of August 19th
 - 1. CCCC Picnic is August 13th * - no conflict
 - iv. LABA and BCC to share the budget for the event, including food and drink, prizes, etc.
- c. Tavern Day – *John/Jordan*
 - i. Sunday, September 21st, 2025
 - ii. First meeting tonight at 7pm – more to come
- d. Marketing – *Margie/Jade*
 - i. No updates at this time
- e. Nominating – *Kerry/Thom/Rich*
 - i. Nomination Update:
 - 1. Vote will be in May
 - 2. New slate with updated terms will start in June



7) Chamber Updates

- a. Help us keep growing! Referral bonus and hosting opportunities!
- b. We encourage you to bring a guest to upcoming meetings – show them the value we can share by being a member.

8) Discussion

- a. Directors Meeting next month on April 17th
 - i. Some financial topics to be discussed
 - ii. Tavern Day Tent discussion

9) Next Meeting: Thursday, April 17th (Noon) at the Burlington Library

10) Motion to Adjourn: by John Seagrave at 12:49pm