



MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, May 15th, 2025 (12pm) - Burlington Public Library

- 1) Call to Order at 12:08 by John Seagrave
- 2) Around the Room (:30 intros): Sharon Cataldo – Member, Shuba Jaishankar – Member, Jeff York – Member, Tammy Bellino, Jerry Poulin – Central Member, Bev Abjelina – (M&T) Member, Jack Precetha (M&T) Member, Rich Browning – Treasurer, John Seagrave – Burlington President, Jade LaBella – Burlington Vice President, Jordan Sanford – Secretary, Brian Sullivan – Friend, Amanda Tortora – Friend, Heather Chirumbolo – Director, Thom Smith – Director, Kerry Brash – Burlington Past President, Katie D’Agostino – Central Chamber President, Theresa Dunlap – Member, Doug Thompson – Burlington First Selectmen, JP Parente – Member.
- 3) Approval of Previous Meeting(s) Minutes – April 2025
 - a. Motion to Approve
 - i. First Motion: Jade LaBella
 - ii. Second Motion: Kerry Brash
- 4) Treasurer’s Report – *Rich*
 - a. Bank Balance = \$16,021.02
 - b. Expenses since last report:
 - i. \$325.80 – Eversource (\$45.71) + QuickBooks (\$35.35) In Concert Web Solutions (\$85.74) + Webscape Design (\$159.00)
 - ii. \$84.00 – USPS PO Box Annual Renewal
 - iii. \$50.00 – CT Secretary of State Annual Report Filing
 - iv. \$400.00 – BaR Rated Entertainment
 - v. \$59.59 – Elementor Website Plugin Annual Renewal
 - vi. \$49.00 – ACF Website Plugin Annual Renewal
 - vii. \$59.00 – Astra Pro Website Plugin Annual Renewal
 - viii. \$319.04 – Amazon: Toucan Video Conference Camera
 - ix. \$40.66 – Tonn’s Marketplace: Food Items for Annual Meeting
 - x. \$50.00 – ShoobyCakes: Treats for Annual Meeting
 - xi. \$234.24 – I Know A Guy Foods: Food for June Member Meeting
 - c. Credits since the last report:
 - i. \$1,100.00 – Membership Dues
 - ii. 275 – Trivia Night Income
 - d. Accounts Receivable = \$1,775.00: Membership Dues
 - e. Accounts Payable = \$1,375.00: Central CT Chambers Q2 2025 Admin Fees
 - f. Motion to Approve
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5) Town & Affiliate Reports

a. Doug Thompson (First Selectman):

- i. Budget Meeting will be on June 3rd
 - 1. 2.7% increase (last two years there was a decrease)
- ii. Johnny Cake Mountain Park is wrapping up in July/August
- iii. Sidewalk approval!
 - 1. Bids go from Library Lane up to CVS
 - 2. Intending on putting in this summer
- iv. Trees by CVS have been removed to make room for the sidewalks
- v. Johnny Cake Music Fest will not be happening, but the town is open for considering its return in the future
- vi. Food Truck plot update – located on
 - 1. Food Truck Food Court being built along the river, on the way to Collinsville
 - 2. Planning to be finished in the middle of June

b. J.P. Parente (EDC):

- i. Taste of Burlington
 - 1. Chamber has decided to collectively help with sponsorships
 - 2. The EDC plans on adding some retail businesses to the lineup

c. J.P. Parente (Tavern Day):

- i. Tavern Day Membership sign-ups!
- ii. There will be a small fee for the Business Expo this year, but it will all go to the non-profit of TDG - \$50 per table
- iii. Additional branding opportunities – business expo can bring their own tents!
- iv. Business expo will be spread throughout the event – no longer in one row down the street

d. Katie D'Agostino (Central CT Chamber of Commerce):

- i. May 29th AI Lunch n Learn with the Central Chamber
- ii. June 4th - Annual Dinner at Bristol Event Center
 - 1. Registration closes on May 27th at noon
- iii. July 16th - BAH at Lake Compounce from 5:30-7:30pm
- iv. August 4th – Golf Event at Tunxis
- v. August 13th - Member Appreciation Picnic at Camp Courante
- vi. Sept 5th and 6th – BrewFest at Muzzy Field

6) Committee Updates

a. Membership – Rich

- i. Membership Totals
 - 1. Business members = 88
 - 2. New business members = 1: Tavern Day Group
 - 3. Friends of BCC members = 9
 - 4. New Friends of BCC members = 0
- ii. Past due members = 9 business members
 - 1. We continue to reach out to past due members for retention - We're confident the majority of members will ultimately renew



- b. Events – *Kerry/Jade*
 - i. 2025 Events
 - 1. June 11th – Ribbon Cutting and BAH at Prestige Plumbing from 5-7pm
 - 2. June 21st – Burlingtonia Music Fundraiser event
 - a. Four bands signed up for battle of the bands
 - b. Three additional bands playing
 - c. 2-6pm at the field on library lane
 - d. Sign up sponsorship opportunities – Burlington Businesses only
 - 3. July 30th Plaza Party at Burlington Commons (Enclave Parking area)
 - a. Passport stamps – raffle drawing!
 - b. Still in the planning stages
 - 4. July 23rd Backpack event at Brewberry
 - a. TONS of charities they're donating to this year
 - 5. August 19th – Joint Event with LABA at Litchfield Distillery
 - a. Parking is very limited – please carpool!
 - 6. Sept 11th – BAH at Keystone from 5-7pm
 - c. Tavern Day – *John/Jordan*
 - i. Sunday, September 21st, 2025 – official date of Tavern Day
 - ii. Can start registering for tables on their website
 - iii. Meeting this evening – will report back shortly with updates...
 - d. Marketing – *Margie/Jade*
 - i. No updates at this time
 - ii. If you would like anything added to the newsletter, please email to Jade!
 - e. Nominating – *Kerry/Thom/Rich*
 - i. Election of Officers & Board Members
 - ii. Members filled out votes and handed them in at the end of the meeting

7) Chamber Updates

- a. Thank you to our small businesses who provided today's lunch!
- b. Help us keep growing! Referral bonus and hosting opportunities!
 - i. \$25 gift card to any member who brings a guest that becomes a member!

8) Discussion:

- a. Next meeting is Juneteenth – have decided to move to **Wednesday the 18th**!
- b. Cyber Security and Fraud Lunch n Learn – maybe for October?
- c. Possible Lunch n Learn with Stephen Robert from Bedrock Credit America

9) ~~Next Meeting: Thursday, June 19th~~ Wednesday, June 18th, (Noon) at the Burlington Library

10) Meeting Adjourned at 12:55pm by Rich Browning