



## MEMBERSHIP MEETING

*Wednesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025 (12pm) - Burlington Public Library*

- 1) Call to Order by John Seagrave at 12:07pm
- 2) Around the Room (:30 intros): Sara Lynn Leavenworth – Member, Cat Pellino – Member, DJ Murphy – Director, Katie Weston – John’s guest, Rich Browning – Treasurer, John Seagrave – BCC President, Jordan Sanford – Secretary, Jade LaBella – Vice President, Katie D’Agostino – CCCC President, Kerry Brash – BCC Past President, Chris Lemos-Palmarozza - Guest of John, Nicky Rakprakobkit (owner of Charming Thai) – Guest of John, Carolyn Freer – CCCC Member, Colleen Ververis – Director, JP Parente – Friend, Margie Bowen – Director.
- 3) Approval of Previous Meeting(s) Minutes – May
  - a. Motion to approve:
    - i. First Motion: Kerry Brash
    - ii. Second Motion: Jade LaBella
- 4) Treasurer’s Report – *Rich*
  - a. Bank Balance = \$13,839.56
  - b. Expenses since last report:
    - i. \$439.09 – QuickBooks (\$35.35) In Concert Web Solutions (\$85.74) + Webscape Design (\$318.00 June and July)
    - ii. \$149.00 – Wordfence Premium website plugin annual renewal
    - iii. \$150.00 – Bristol Hospital Foundation golf tournament tee sign sponsorship
    - iv. \$43.45 – Reimbursement to John for annual meeting supplies (plates, napkins, beverages, etc.)
    - v. \$25.00 – Reimbursement to Jade for Business After Hours Meta ad
    - vi. \$1,375.00 – Central CT Chambers Q2 2025 admin fees
  - c. Credits since last report:
    - i. \$0.00
  - d. Accounts Receivable:
    - i. \$1,775.00 – membership dues
  - e. Accounts Payable:
    - i. \$45.70 – Eversource for June electric bill
    - ii. \$200.00 – Gift Card purchases from: Burlington Spirit Shoppe, Swimming Pool Store, Nevermind Shop, and Little Laurel’s, to be donated to Taste of Burlington
    - iii. \$75.00 – JKO Entertainment for Burlingtonia yard sign sponsorship
    - iv. \$1,498.00 – Murphy Boyz for 2 customized pop-up tents

- f. Motion to approve:
  - i. First Motion: DJ Murphy
  - ii. Second Motion: Jade LaBella

5) Town & Affiliate Reports

- a. Doug Thompson (First Selectman) – unable to attend today's meeting
  - i. Updates:
    - 1. Phase 2 of the sidewalks are underway
    - 2. Johnny Cake fields are almost complete
      - a. Must rest for two years before use
      - b. Has stadium-like area – looks great!
- b. J.P. Parente (EDC) (Tavern Day) (America 250)
  - i. Taste of Burlington
    - 1. Gift cards are being purchased from TSB, M&T Bank, Burlington Police Union and the BCC
    - 2. Kicking off this Saturday
    - 3. Expanded to retail, in addition to restaurants
    - 4. Ends on Sept 1<sup>st</sup>
    - 5. Utilize stamped “bingo” card
      - a. Will be a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place prize pulled from drawing
  - ii. Tavern Day
    - 1. Business Expo is changing – no longer a dedicated row
      - a. It will be scattered across the entire event, grouped with like-minded businesses and complimenting businesses
        - i. Ex: A bank, a realtor, an electrician, and a plumber grouped together
      - b. Bring your own chairs and canopies – we provide tables but no longer providing tents
      - c. \$50 buy in to participate
      - d. Forms are up on the website and in the newsletter
    - 2. Some logistics with entertainment are still being worked out
    - 3. Can no longer take blanket sponsorships, but memberships instead
      - a. \$250 for business and \$100 for non-profit
      - b. Will be included on the “sponsorship wall” or the gate or the golf cart shuttles
- c. Katie D’Agostino (Central CT Chamber of Commerce)
  - i. Shared background about the regional chamber of CCCC
    - 1. BCC will continue to remain their own chamber (a separate entity from CCCC with our own BOD).
  - ii. Over 100 events a year!
  - iii. *Events listed below!*



## 6) Committee Updates

### a. Membership – *Rich*

- i. Membership Totals:
- ii. Business members = 86
- iii. New business members = 0
- iv. Friends of BCC members = 9
- v. New Friends of BCC members = 0
- vi. Past due members = 7 business members
- vii. Non-renewing members = 2: Arena Locksmith and Bees Contracting and Remodeling
  - 1. Arena Locksmith MIGHT be restarting his membership – DJ Murphy to follow up with him
  - 2. Jade is following up with Bees to confirm if they want to continue their membership, too.

### b. Events – *Kerry/Jade*

- i. Great turnout at Prestige Plumbing!
  - 1. Very successful BAH and ribbon cutting with 40+ people in attendance
- ii. Upcoming Events:
- iii. June 26<sup>th</sup> – State of the Region Breakfast through the CCCC
  - 1. Breakout sessions and meet n greets
  - 2. Doug will be present for questions and chatting!
  - 3. At the DoubleTree in Bristol
- iv. July 16<sup>th</sup> – Lake Compounce BAH from 5-7pm
- v. July 22<sup>nd</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup> – Bedrock Credit Lunch n Learn on Credit
- vi. July 29<sup>th</sup> – Quarterly Tune-Ups
  - 1. Learn amount memberships and the website utilization
- vii. August 4<sup>th</sup> – Golf Tournament for CCCC
- viii. August 13<sup>th</sup> – Second annual membership picnic from 5-7pm
- ix. August 19<sup>th</sup> – Joint LABA Event at the Litchfield Distillery from 5:30-7:30
- x. Sept 5-6<sup>th</sup> – CCCC BrewFest
  - 1. The 5<sup>th</sup> is the tasting event
  - 2. The 6<sup>th</sup> is the music festival portion
  - 3. At Muzzy field
- xi. Sept 11<sup>th</sup> – Keystone Place BAH
  - 1. Sept 16<sup>th</sup> – LABA has an event there
  - 2. Cannot combine due to parking
- xii. Sept 18<sup>th</sup> – Reverse Raffle event
- xiii. October 9<sup>th</sup> – TSB Lunch n Learn on Cyber Security
- xiv. Details on Holiday Party TBD

### c. Tavern Day – *John/Jordan*

- i. Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025
- ii. Expo and Membership Available!

- iii. Contact us for sign-ups and additional information
- d. Marketing – *Margie/Jade*
- e. Holiday – Committees forming soon!
  - i. Holiday Party – Event Committee
  - ii. Holiday Tree Committee

7) Chamber Updates

- a. Thank you to our small businesses who provided last month's lunch!
  - i. Shubie Cakes, Little Loral's, I Know A Guy, and Hogan's Cider Mill
- b. Help us keep growing! Referral bonus and hosting opportunities!
- c. Town/Membership Support Updates

8) **Next Meeting:** Thursday, July 17<sup>th</sup> (Noon) at the Burlington Library

9) **Adjourn:** at 12:53pm by John Seagrave