



MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday, July 17th, 2025 (12pm) - Burlington Public Library

- 1) Call to Order 12:09pm
- 2) Around the Room (:30 intros) Sharon Cataldo Keystone Place, DJ Murphy – Director, Rich Browning – Treasurer, John Seagrave – BCC President, Jade LaBella – Vice President, Katie D’Agostino – CCCC President, Kerry Brash – BCC Past President, Chris Lemos-Palmarozza - Home Sweet Home, JP Parente – Member, Margie Bowen – Director, Thom Smith, Director, Lauren Howard - Member
- 3) Approval of Previous Meeting(s) Minutes – June
 - a. Motion to approve:
 - i. First Motion: Rich Browning
 - ii. Second Motion: Heather Chirumbolo
- 4) Treasurer’s Report – *Rich*
 - a. Bank Balance = \$14,463.94
 - b. Expenses since last report:
 - i. \$215.44 – Eversource (\$91.32), QuickBooks (\$38.38) In Concert Web Solutions (\$85.74)
 - ii. \$71.80 – I Know A Guy – Lunch for June Member Meeting
 - iii. \$14.60 – USPS Stamps for Member Mailings
 - iv. \$1,498.00 – Murphy Boyz for 2 customized pop-up tents
 - v. \$75.00 – JKO Entertainment for Burlingtonia yard sign sponsorship
 - vi. \$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
 - vii. \$1,375.00 – Central CT Chambers Q2 2025 admin fees
 - c. Credits since last report: \$2,698.75
 - d. Accounts Receivable: \$7,275.00 – membership dues
 - e. Motion to approve:
 - i. First Motion: DJ Murphy
 - ii. Second Motion: Lauren Howard

5) Town & Affiliate Reports

- a. Doug Thompson (First Selectman)
 - i. Not here today unfortunately
 - ii. Phase 2 of the sidewalks is underway, hope to be completed by end of summer.
- 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. Expanded to retail, in addition to restaurants
 - 3. Ends on sept 1st
 - 4. Utilize stamped “bingo” card
 - a. Will be a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prize
 - 5. Looking forward to getting feedback from the businesses and consumer to see how this year goes.
 - ii. Tavern Day
 - 1. Business Expo is up to - 14 attendees – the business row will be dissolved. Please sign up by 7/31 to secure space.
 - a. It will be scattered across the entire event, grouped with like-minded businesses and complimenting businesses
 - b. Bring your own chairs and canopies
 - c. \$50 buy in to participate
 - d. Forms are up on the website and in the newsletter
 - 2. 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
 - iii. EDC – Sidewalks have been 12 years in the making, excited to see them being completed.
- c. Katie D’Agostino (Central CT Chamber of Commerce)
 - i. Reminder all BCC Members are welcome to attend CCCC Events
 - ii. Check Events Calendar - Over 100 events a year!

6) Committee Updates

- a. Membership – *Rich*
 - i. Membership Totals 87 Business Members, 9 Friends of BCC
 - 1. 1 New Business Member – Home Sweet Home Bakery.
 - ii. 7 Past due members that we have reached out to retain membership
 - iii. Membership Benefit Flyer is ready for anyone who wants to help promote the event. Thanks, Jordan, for putting this together.
- b. Events – *Kerry/Jade*
 - i. Upcoming Events:



- ii. July 22th – Bedrock Credit Lunch n Learn on Credit we have added a hybrid option.
- iii. August 19th – Joint LABA Event that has been moved to Market Street Creatives from 5:30-7:30
- iv. Sept 11th – Keystone Place BAH 5 – 7
- v. October 9th – TSB Lunch n Learn on Cyber Security hosted at the Tavern Per J.P.
- vi. November 13th Lunch n Learn with Chris Mooney – Topic TBD
- vii. December 8th - Holiday Party at Greenhouse Tavern

c. Tavern Day – *John/Jordan*

- i. Sunday, September 21st, 2025
- ii. Expo and Membership DEADLINE IS HERE!

d. Marketing – *Margie/Jade*

- e. Holiday Trees – 2025 Committee Heather Chirumbolo is Committee Chair
- f. Let us know if you want to be included. Chris Lemos-Palmarozza volunteered.
- g. Sponsorships requests will start after Tavern Day

7) Chamber Updates

- a. Help us keep growing! Referral bonus and hosting opportunities!

8) Discussion

- a. Thank you to Prestige Plumbing & Torrington Savings Bank for sponsoring Tavern Day and Murphy Boyz for producing.

9) Motion to approve:

- i. First Motion: Rich Browning
- ii. Second Motion: Chris Lemos-Palmarozza

10) **Next Meeting:** Thursday, August 21st (Noon) at the Burlington Library