



MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, August 21st, 2025 (12pm) - Burlington Public Library

- 1) Call to Order at 12: 04 by John Seagrave
- 2) Around the Room (:30 intros): Doug Thompson, - First Selectmen, Rob Mallozzi – Jordan’s guest from NWCB), Heather Chirumbolo - Director, Jordan Sanford – Secretary, John Seagrave – BCC President, Rich Browning – Treasurer, Kerry Brash – Past President, Fran Thompson - New Superintendent, DJ Murphy – Director, Katie Weston - Member, Sarah Lynn Leavenworth – Member, Margie Bowen – Director, Thom Smith – Director, JP Parente – Member, Katie D’Agostino – CCCC President, Chris Lemos-Palmarozza – Member.
- 3) Approval of Previous Meeting(s) Minutes – July
 - a. Motion to Approve
 - i. 1st Motion: Kerry Brash
 - ii. 2nd Motion: Chris Lemos-Palmarozza
- 4) Treasurer’s Report – *Rich*
 - a. Bank Balance = \$13,644.04
 - b. Expenses since last report:
 - i. \$328.22 – Eversource (\$45.10), QuickBooks (\$38.38), In Concert Web Solutions (\$85.74), Webscape Design (\$159.00)
 - ii. \$73.61 – I Know A Guy – Lunch for July Member Meeting
 - iii. \$630.00 - I Know A Guy - Half of Networkpalooza catering (other half covered by LABA)
 - iv. \$1,375.00 – Central CT Chambers Q3 2025 admin fees
 - c. Credits since last report:
 - i. \$1,615.00
 - d. Accounts Receivable:
 - i. \$4,725.00 – membership dues
 - e. Motion to Approve
 - i. 1st Motion: DJ Murphy
 - ii. 2nd Motion: Jordan Sanford
- 5) Town & Affiliate Reports
 - a. Doug Thompson (First Selectman)
 - i. Plaza parking lot will be open by 2pm today!
 - ii. Sidewalks are complete!
 1. Project started in 2016
 - iii. Johnny Cake field is done – will just need to rest for two years
 - iv. JC Music Festival may be returning!

- v. EDC is working to get Live From Burlington website up and running to get the word out
 - 1. Issues with the server
 - 2. Chamber and EDC is helping to fill the calendar
- b. J.P. Parente (EDC/Tavern Day/America 250)
 - i. EDC
 - 1. Working with the town to assist with the website
 - ii. A250
 - 1. Still in the planning phase
 - 2. Partnering with the Land Trust to host tours and hikes
 - 3. Partnering with the cemetery society to do tours
 - iii. Tavern Day
 - 1. Next meeting is tonight!
 - 2. Fine tuning everything this evening
 - 3. Sept 4th is the fundraiser at Enclave Grille
 - 4. New this year, reenactment – British vs America!
 - 5. New municipal expo
- c. Katie D'Agostino (Central CT Chamber of Commerce)
 - i. Thanks to Thom, Katie, Kerry and John for help with the Golf Tournament
 - ii. Upcoming:
 - 1. Sept 5-6th is Brewfest at Muzzy Field
 - a. Tasting is the 5th
 - b. Concerts are the 6th
 - 2. Sept 18th – reversed raffle
 - 3. Mid-Oct is the last women's event
 - 4. Holiday party and small business awards, plus emerging leaders

6) Committee Updates

- a. Membership – *Rich*
 - i. Membership Totals
 - 1. Business members = 89
 - ii. New business members = 2: The B. Hive Burlington and Eagle Fence & Guardrail
 - iii. Friends of BCC members = 9
 - 1. New Friends of BCC members = 0
 - iv. Past due members = 2 business members
 - v. Non-renewing members = 0
- b. Events – *Kerry/Jade*
 - i. Upcoming Events
 - 1. Sept 11th – BAH at Keystone Place in Torrington
 - 2. Oct 9th – Lunch n Learn at the Elton Tavern
 - a. TSB Catering the event about cyber security and fight fraud
 - 3. Oct 21st – October-Fest-aba (LABA) at Norbrook Brewery
 - 4. Nov 13th – Lunch n Learn at the Library



- a. Chris Mooney is doing a presentation on stress management
 - 5. Dec 8th – our holiday party at Greenhouse Tavern!
 - ii. Thank you to all who attended Networkpalooza!
 - 1. Was a wonderful event, partnering with LABA!
 - 2. Considering turning it into a “day of education” and/or a table top expo
 - c. Tavern Day – *John/Jordan*
 - i. Sunday, September 21st, 2025
 - ii. Expo Filled!
 - d. Marketing – *Margie/Jade*
 - i. No other updates at this time
 - ii. Ensure new members get info to Margie to update the website
 - e. Holiday – *Heather*
 - i. Trees are on order
 - ii. Heather, Thom, John, Chris, and Brian
 - iii. First brainstorming session was yesterday!
 - 1. Sponsorships for the trees
 - a. Going to begin after Halloween
 - 2. Ornaments – over 500 last year!
 - iv. Light Up Burlington is happening again!
 - v. Reach out to Thomaston (a CCCC member) for any questions or guidance
- 7) Chamber Updates
- a. Help us keep growing! Referral bonus and hosting opportunities!
- 8) Discussion
- a. The best way to reach Fran, our new Superintendent, via email
 - i. He is always open and interested in thoughts, partnerships, and input
- 9) **Next Meeting:** Thursday, September 18th (Noon) at the Burlington Library
- 10) Adjourn at 12:43pm