



MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, September 18th, 2025 (12pm) - Burlington Public Library

- 1) Call to Order by Jade LaBella at 12:12pm
- 2) Around the Room (:30 intros): Jade LaBella – BCC VP, Jordan Sanford – Secretary, Tyler Grant – guest of Jordan, DJ Murphy – Director, Kaitlyn Larson – Member, Amanda Tortora – Member, Kerry Brash – BCC Past President, Heather Chirumbolo – Director, Colleen Vervaris – Director, Doug Thompson – First Selectmen, Katie D’Augustino – CCCC President, Sharon Cataldo – Member, Tyrrell Klebe – NEW Member, Chris Mooney – Member, Rich Browning – Treasurer, Paul Small – Member, Margie Bowen – Director, JP Parente – Member and liaison for BHS and the EDC.
- 3) Approval of Previous Meeting(s) Minutes – August
 - a. Motion to Approve:
 - i. 1st Motion: Kerry Brash
 - ii. 2nd Motion: Rich Browning
- 4) Treasurer’s Report – *Rich*
 - a. Treasurer’s Report:
 - i. Bank Balance = \$15,000.50
 - ii. Expenses since last report:
 1. \$328.18 – Eversource (\$45.06), QuickBooks (\$38.38), In Concert Web Solutions (\$85.74), Webscape Design (\$159.00)
 2. \$75.13 – I Know A Guy – Lunch for August Member Meeting
 3. \$89.82 - I Know A Guy - Catering costs for Lunch n Learn
 - iii. Credits since last report:
 1. \$2,415.00 - membership dues
 - iv. Accounts Receivable:
 1. \$3,350.00 – membership dues
 - b. Motion to Approve:
 - i. 1st Motion: Kerry Brash
 - ii. 2nd Motion: Heather Chirumbolo
- 5) Town & Affiliate Reports
 - a. Doug Thompson (First Selectman)
 - i. Johnny Cake Mountain is completed!
 - ii. Opening bids or the Rails to Trails work
 1. \$500k grant for that
 - iii. \$1.55MM Grant for Chippins Hill
 - iv. Grant also received backup generators for Town Hall
 - b. J.P. Parente (EDC) (Tavern Day) (America 250)
 - i. America 250 – has a show at Tavern Day to raise money for next year
 1. Hats, pins, bags, etc. will be available

- ii. Joint Hike to Tory's Den with the Burlington Land Trust and America 250 on 9/28
 - 1. Meet on Scoville Rd in Burlington
 - 2. Hike will be from 12:45 – 3:30pm
 - iii. Tavern Day is this Sunday!!!
 - 1. Any questions, come to Enclave tonight for 7pm
 - 2. Tavern Day is from 11am – 4pm
 - iv. EDC – We have a full board now!
 - 1. Also have a FB page now, to help distribute information going forward
- c. Katie D'Agostino (Central CT Chamber of Commerce)
- i. \$10 Reverse Raffle is being pulled tonight!
 - ii. 10/2 @ Charter Oak College – Small AI Series (it is invite only)
 - 1. Reach out to Katie for more details
 - 2. Opportunities for Small Businesses to learn more
 - 3. 12-2pm – lunch will be provided

6) Committee Updates

- a. Membership – *Rich*
 - i. Membership Totals:
 - 1. Business members = 89
 - a. New business members = 1: Top Tier Remodeling
 - 2. Friends of BCC members = 8
 - a. New Friends of BCC members = 0
 - 3. Past due members = 17 (16 business members and 1 friend)
 - a. Non-renewing members = 1: Simply Guitar Studio
 - 4. Jordan, John, Rich and Kerry have divvied up the list to contact the past due members for retention.
 - ii.
- b. Events – *Kerry/Jade*
 - i. Thank you, Sharon, for a wonderful event at Keystone!
 - ii. Upcoming Events:
 - 1. 9/25 from 3-6 – One Digital Fall Fest (Farmington Office)
 - 2. 10/9 – Lunch n Learn, Fighting Fraud in the Digital Age!
 - a. No charge for the event, lunch is provided
 - b. Sponsored by Torrington Savings Bank
 - c. Located at Elton Tavern (NOT The Burlington Library)
 - 3. 10/14 – Last CCCC Women's Networking Group
 - 4. 10/16 – CCCC Annual Bowling Tournament @ Spare Time
 - 5. 10/18 – Larson's Garden Center Craft Fair
 - 6. 11/13 – Lunch n Learn by Chris Mooney
 - a. Mental Health and Community Impacts on Stress and Anxiety
 - b. The importance of being in person and physical connection
 - c. Lunch is provided
 - 7. 12/3 – Burlington Carol Sing at 7pm!
 - 8. 12/8 – BCC Holiday Party @ Greenhouse Tavern, 5:30 to 8:30pm
- c. Tavern Day – *John/Jordan*
 - i. Sunday, September 21st, 2025



- ii. Expo Filled!
 - 1. We do have a wait list if still interested
 - iii. Feedback asked for at October meeting!
 - d. Marketing – *Margie/Jade*
 - i. If you want something shared, please reach out to Jade LaBella
 - ii. Share any/all events you see on FB!
 - iii. Check your business spotlight on our website to ensure that everything is correct and your logo/phone number is up to date!
 - e. Holiday – *Heather*
 - i. Trees along rt 4 – 90 trees again this year will be put up!
 - ii. Ornaments will be decorated by the town's youth to put up on the green
 - iii. Looking for Tree Sponsorships!
 - 1. Kicking off after Halloween to help absorb the cost of the trees and ornament materials
 - 2. Reach out to Heather for more information
 - iv. Newsletter and social media will also have the info
 - v. Our goal is to raise \$4,000 this year
- 7) Chamber Updates
- a. Help us keep growing! Referral bonus and hosting opportunities!
 - b. \$25 for all new members
- 8) **Next Meeting:** Thursday, October 16th (Noon) at the Burlington Library
- 9) Adjourn @ 12:50pm