



MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, October 16th, 2025 (12pm) - Burlington Public Library

- 1) Call to Order at 12:08pm by John Seagrave
- 2) Around the Room (:30 intros): Doug Thompson – First Selectmen, Thom Smith – Director, Heather Chirumbolo – Director, Jade LaBella – Vice President, Jordan Sanford – Secretary, John Seagrave – BCC President, Kerry Brash – BCC Past President, Katie D’Augustino – CCCC President, Katie Weston – Member, Tom Buckles – Member, Kim Holley (from BristolWorks) – guest of Katie D., JP Parente – Friend, DJ Murphy – Director, Rich Browning – Treasurer/Membership, Noel Thompson Bates – potential new member (Karate place is opening Monday!)
- 3) Approval of Previous Meeting(s) Minutes – September
 - a. Motion to Approve – postponed to November 2025
- 4) Treasurer’s Report – *Rich*
 - a. Bank Balance = \$15,356.47
 - b. Expenses since last report:
 - i. \$328.26 — Eversource (\$45.14), QuickBooks (\$38.38), In Concert Web Solutions (\$85.74), Webscape Design (\$159.00)
 - ii. \$24.85 — Reimbursement to Jade for Meta Ads
 - iii. \$15.31 — CVS: paper plates and water for 10/9 Lunch & Learn
 - c. Outstanding expenses:
 - i. \$558.00 — Travelers D&O policy annual premium
 - ii. \$19.92 — Reimbursement to Jade for 10/9 Lunch & Learn Meta Ads
 - d. Credits since last report:
 - i. \$623.75 — Membership Dues
 - ii. 100.00 — Light Up Burlington
 - e. Accounts Receivable:
 - i. \$2,725.00 — Membership Dues
 - f. Motion to Approve
 - i. First Motion: DJ Murphy
 - ii. Second Motion: Jade LaBella
- 5) Town & Affiliate Reports
 - a. Doug Thompson (First Selectman)
 - i. Issues with the Food Truck Park
 1. Working to be resolved
 2. Temp permits for the vendors changed to 30 days
 - b. J.P. Parente (EDC) (Tavern Day) (America 250)
 - i. EDC:
 1. Happy to help with future ribbon cuttings
 2. Looking forward to the sidewalk stroll
 3. Helping Parks & Rec with the town website

- ii. Tavern Day:
 - 1. LAST recap meeting is tonight at the Tavern at 7pm
 - a. Any feedback, please submit prior
 - b. Break until March
 - c. Attendance this year was 4,600 people!
- iii. America 250:
 - 1. Still accepting donations
 - 2. First set of events is this weekend
 - a. A walk and learn at Lampson Cemetery
 - i. 10am to 11am
 - b. Hike n Learn to Tory's Den with the Land Trust
 - 3. Fundraising to come
 - 4. Moving memorial day parade to Saturday instead of Monday
- c. Katie D'Agostino (Central CT Chamber of Commerce)
 - i. On the 28th, a central "tune-up" is happening in Bristol from 8:30-9:30
 - ii. December Outlook is coming up – check the website for more info!
 - iii. CCCC Holiday party is 12/10 this year
 - 1. Small business and emerging leader awards
 - a. Nominations are active as of right now
 - iv. PowHERful just wrapped up – if interested in joining next year, reach out to Katie for a promo code
 - v. Kim from BristolWorks:
 - 1. Workforce development training center
 - 2. Can get services for low costs to help surrounding communities and small businesses
 - 3. Working with entry level employees to skill them up
 - 4. Various workshops
 - 5. Interviewing skills
 - 6. Can take a tour at any time

6) Committee Updates

- a. Membership – *Rich*
 - i. Membership Totals
 - 1. Business members = 87
 - 2. New business members = 0
 - 3. Friends of BCC members = 9
 - a. New Friends of BCC members = 1: J.P. Parente
 - 4. Past due members = 15 (14 business members and 1 friend)
 - 5. Non-renewing business members = 2: Chippen Hill Co and Dunning Industries
- b. Events – *Kerry/Jade*
 - i. Upcoming Events
 - ii. Lunch n Learn on 11/13 at the Library from 12-1:30
 - 1. Chris Mooney, therapist
 - a. Community connection impacts stress and anxiety
 - 2. Register on CCCC's website
 - iii. Holiday party is 12/8 at Greenhouse Tavern from 5:30 to 8:30pm



- iv. Sidewalk Stroll for 12/3 from 5 to 6:30, before the Carol Sing
 - 1. Bringing the community together prior to the carol sing
 - 2. Featuring the holiday trees and ornaments the locals have decorated
 - 3. Asking businesses to let us know what they would like to do to participate by the end of the month
 - 4. There will also be a scavenger hunt for the kids, encouraging them to walk the entire length from the CVS plaza to Prestige Plumbing
 - 5. Maps will also be created so families can see which businesses are participating
 - c. Tavern Day – *John/Jordan*
 - i. Feedback – been passed along
 - d. Marketing – *Margie/Jade*
 - i. Remind everyone that the newsletter is going out next week so if there is anything you want to promote, please send it by tomorrow
 - ii. Jade can also promote things on our Facebook page!
 - e. Holiday – *Heather*
 - i. Next meeting at 3pm today
 - ii. Flyers are out
 - iii. 90 Christmas trees along rt. 4
 - 1. Many of the daycares and schools are decorating the ornaments
 - 2. Still looking for sponsorships!
 - a. Recognition and newsletter promotions for whoever donates!
- 7) Chamber Updates
- a. Help us keep growing! Referral bonus and hosting opportunities!
 - b. Any new businesses gets a \$25 gift card!
- 8) Discussion
- a. Oktoberfestaba at Norbrook Brewery at 5:30pm!
 - i. Raffle tickets!
 - b. John shared a great networking story
- 9) **Next Meeting:** Thursday, November 20th (Noon) at the Burlington Library
- 10) Adjourn at 12:42 by John Seagrave