



MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, November 20th, 2025 (12pm) - Burlington Public Library

- 1) Call to Order by John Seagrave at 12:07pm
- 2) Around the Room (:30 intros): Doug Thompson – First Selectmen, Kerry Brash – BCC Past President, Heather Chirumbolo – Director, Jordan Sanford – Secretary, Jade LaBella – BCC Vice President, John Seagrave – BCC President, Katie D’ Agustino – CCCC President, Thom Smith – Director, Becca Aulet – Member, Katie Weston – Member, Bev Abjelina – Member, Chris Mooney – Member, Rich Browning – Treasurer.
- 3) Approval of Previous Meeting(s) Minutes – October
 - a. Motion to Approve – will approve next month
 - i. Edits were made
- 4) Treasurer’s Report – *Rich*
 - a. Bank Balance = \$16,970.74
 - b. Expenses since last report:
 - i. \$329.47 — Eversource (\$46.35), QuickBooks (\$38.38), In Concert Web Solutions (\$85.74), Webscape Design (\$159.00)
 - ii. \$70.00 — In Concert Web Solutions for annual web domain renewal
 - iii. \$130.36 - I Know A Guy for Sep and Oct Member Meeting lunches
 - iv. \$1,375.00 - Central CT Chambers Q4 2025 Admin Services
 - v. \$558.00 - Travelers D&O annual policy premium
 - vi. \$19.92 — Reimbursement to Jade for Meta Ads
 - vii. \$22.13 — CVS: paper plates, napkins, and water for 11/13 Lunch & Learn
 - c. Outstanding expenses:
 - i. \$604.21 - Reimbursement to Heather for holiday ornaments and supplies
 - ii. \$3,150.00 - Dzen Brothers for Holiday Trees
 - d. Credits since last report:
 - i. \$837.50 — Membership Dues
 1. \$225.00 from Buck Electric – check just received
 - ii. \$3,032.50 — Light Up Burlington
 - iii. \$242.25 - Holiday Party
 1. Online registrations
 - e. Accounts Receivable:
 - i. \$2,425.00 — Membership Dues

- f. Motion to Approve
 - i. First Motion: Jade LaBella
 - ii. Second Motion: Kerry Brash

5) Town & Affiliate Reports

- a. Doug Thompson (First Selectman)
 - i. Election!
 - 1. Great turnout, although local elections for the town were about 40%
 - a. This is considered low
 - ii. Public Service Announcement:
 - 1. Financial Scams among seniors
 - a. Spread the word to keep an eye out for weird activity for friends and family and neighbors
 - 2. Last board meeting with Jim Shard (32 years) and Tom Shable (16 years) with be Nov 25th
 - a. A few people will speak and thank them
 - b. Both are receiving awards for their service
 - c. Meeting is from 7pm at Town Hall
 - 3. Law passed to mandate Housing Bill 8002
 - a. Requirements for affordable housing
 - b. Local control vs State issue
 - 4. EDC Update
 - a. A grant was awarded to Crescent for an expansion
 - b. Possible, potential development to come
- b. J.P. Parente (EDC) (Tavern Day) (America 250)
 - i. NOTE: JP was unable to attend today's meeting, but Jade LaBella was present at the most recent EDC meeting and gave us today's update.
 - ii. The EDC was focusing on the sidewalk stroll and their contribution
 - iii. They are doing maple candy and baskets from Tonn's to support these two local businesses
 - iv. Working on rules and guidelines regarding BurlingtonLive
 - v. Working on a constant contact outreach for everyone in town to keep up to date (upcoming announcements)
- c. Katie D'Agostino (Central CT Chamber of Commerce)
 - i. 108th new member of the year!
 - ii. 12/2 – CCCC CT Outlook Breakfast Event
 - 1. Can register on the central website
 - iii. 12/10 – CCCC Holiday Party and Small Business Awards
 - iv. 12/16 – Final Morning Jolt
 - 1. Paul the Painter is the sponsor

6) Committee Updates

- a. Membership – *Rich*
- b. Business members = 88



- c. New business members = 1: Burlington Academy of Martial Arts
- d. Friends of BCC members = 9
- e. New Friends of BCC members = 0
- f. Past due members = 12 (11 business members and 1 friend)

- g. Events – *Kerry/Jade*
 - i. Upcoming Events
 - 1. 12/8 – BCC Holiday Party @ Greenhouse Tavern
 - 2. 12/3, 5:00-6:30pm – Holiday Stroll (Prior to Holiday Sing)
 - a. Over 30 businesses are participating!
 - b. Scavenger hunt set up throughout the event
 - i. Five different stops
 - ii. Last stop is Elton Tavern
 - iii. The price is a \$200 raffle price for Home Sweet Home Bakery (will be announced separately)
 - c. Restaurants being promoted
 - d. Santa announcement coming soon
 - e. EDC is helping to man the tables with flyers that include a map and event details
 - f. This is open house style
 - 3. Volunteers needed!
 - a. Needed for after the stroll, will need a cleanup crew to assist with popcorn, garbage, etc.
 - b. Katie proposed reaching out to Lewis Mills to see if any students need vol. hours
- h. Tavern Day – *John/Jordan*
 - i. Feedback – not a lot to share
 - 1. Any additional thoughts, please reach out to Jordan or John
- i. Marketing – *Margie/Jade*
 - i. Marketing efforts have been to push holiday tree sponsors and the Holiday Stroll
 - ii. Items being posted on social media
- j. Holiday – *Heather*
 - i. The trees are up! 90 trees in total
 - ii. Just surpassed the needed amount to cover the trees!
 - 1. Remaining funds will be used for enhancements and future trees for the 2026 year
 - 2. Still accepting donations through the end of December!
 - 3. Over 600 ornaments that will be decorating the trees on the green!
 - a. Tuesday is the decoration day
 - i. 3pm on the 25th of Nov.

7) Chamber Updates

- a. Holiday Party Award Winners!
 - i. Three winners were selected: Community Member of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, and Chamber Member of the Year
- b. Central Holiday Party: Emerging & Burlington Business/Org of the Year!
 - i. Small Biz Award for each town and emerging leaders
- c. Help us keep growing!
 - i. Referral bonus and hosting opportunities!

8) Discussion – none at this time

9) **Next Meeting:** Thursday, December 18th (Noon) at the Burlington Library

10) Adjourn by John Seagrave at 12:48pm