



## MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025 (12pm) - Burlington Public Library

- 1) Call to Order at 12:04pm
- 2) Around the Room (:30 intros): Kate D'Agustino – CCCC President, Colleen Ververis – Director, Kerry Brash – BCC Past President, Heather Chirumbolo – Director, Jade LaBella – BCC Vice President, Jordan Sanford – Secretary, John Seagrave – BCC President, Rich Browning – Treasurer, JP Parente – Member, DJ Murphy – Director, Kaitlyn Larson Parker – Member, Tom Dunn – Guest (new member to be!)
- 3) Approval of Previous Meeting(s) Minutes – November
  - a. 1<sup>st</sup> Motion to Approve: Kerry Brash
  - b. 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion to Approve: Rich Browning
- 4) Treasurer's Report – *Rich*
  - a. Bank Balance = \$17,293.94
  - b. Expenses since last report:
    - i. \$338.72 — Eversource (\$45.60), QuickBooks (\$38.38), In Concert Web Solutions (\$95.74), Webscape Design (\$159.00)
    - ii. \$3,150.00 — Dzen Brothers for 90 balsam trees
    - iii. \$358.08 — Reimbursement to Jade for Meta ads and Holiday Stroll items
    - iv. \$604.21 — Reimbursement to Heather for ornaments and supplies for holiday trees
    - v. \$102.42 — I Know A Guy for 11/13 Lunch & Learn catering
    - vi. \$1,375.00 — Central CT Chambers Q4 2025 Admin Services
    - vii. \$17.73 — CVS: paper plates and water for November Member Meeting
  - c. Outstanding checks:
    - i. \$268.00 — Murphy Boyz for two A-frame signs to display holiday tree sponsors
    - ii. \$566.85 — Murphy Boyz for 2025 BCC awards production (3)
    - iii. \$25.00 — Reimbursement to Jade for Meta ads
    - iv. \$44.96 — Reimbursement to Heather for Holiday Stroll items
    - v. \$??? Greenhouse Tavern for BCC Holiday Party catering
      1. Invoice amount pending
      2. Kerry has followed up with Christian (owner)
  - d. Credits since last report:
    - i. \$1,375.00 — Membership Dues
    - ii. \$2,525.00 — Holiday Tree Sponsorships
    - iii. \$1,055.00 — Holiday Party
  - e. Accounts Receivable:
    - i. \$10,225.00 — Membership Dues

- f. Motion to Approve:
  - i. 1<sup>st</sup> Motion: Colleen Ververis
  - ii. 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion: Jade LaBella

## 5) Town & Affiliate Reports

- a. Doug Thompson (First Selectman)
  - i. Doug is extremely happy with all of the town groups and their coordination on the recent local events!
- b. J.P. Parente (EDC) (Tavern Day) (America 250)
  - i. EDC: Board members have been “scolded” for not showing up to the Holiday Stroll event – they were
    - 1. Meeting again in January
    - 2. EDC creating rules and guidelines for the new town website – one of the first tasks of the year
  - ii. Tavern Day:
    - 1. Will start up again this coming March 2026
    - 2. Membership-based 501C3
      - a. Can do sponsorships, but must be for \* specific \* items
        - i. Ex: Golf Cart Sponsor, Stage Sponsor, etc.
  - iii. America 250:
    - 1. Main St Grant of \$2,000
    - 2. Goal is \$6,000 for this year’s event planning
    - 3. Small monthly events are in the works and planning stages
      - a. Reading the declaration of Independence on July 9<sup>th</sup>
      - b. Taking over the Memorial Day Parade this year!
    - 4. Are there any businesses that would like to host?
      - a. IKAGD and Enclave may host Trivia Nights to help raise funds for America 250
- c. Katie D’Agostino (Central CT Chamber of Commerce)
  - i. Upcoming Events:
    - 1. Chamber Travel Program Trips – check out the website
      - a. January 7<sup>th</sup> Lunch n Learn regarding the trips
      - b. Check the website for more details
    - 2. January 20<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> Morning Jolt of 2026
      - a. Morning Jolts are now going to be held at their office in Bristol going forward, no longer at the DoubleTree in Bristol
    - 3. January 27<sup>th</sup> – Chamber Tune Up
    - 4. Saturday, Feb 21<sup>st</sup> - Everything Expo

## 6) Committee Updates

- a. Membership – *Rich*
  - i. Total members = 93
    - 1. Business members = 85
    - 2. New business members = 2 (TC Computer Consulting, United Way of Northwest Connecticut)
    - 3. Friends of BCC members = 8
    - 4. New Friends of BCC members = 0
    - 5. Past due members from July = 5 (Ahlgren Landscaping, Burlington Veterinary Center, Falon Public Safety Solutions, OneDigital, The Center for Emotional Healing)
    - 6. Lapsed members = 6 (Advanced Window Systems, Burlington Lions Club, Pext Pest Control, P.W. Bookkeeping, Sharon Farmer, Veterans are Heroes Forever)



- b. Events – *Kerry/Jade*
  - i. Holiday Events Recap
    - 1. Great event! Lots of fun and positive feedback
    - 2. Record attendance this year with 65 registered individuals
    - 3. Shout out to Jimmy Sanford for playing an acoustic set!
    - 4. Sidewalk Stroll was also a huge success!
    - 5. Amazing feedback from the 36 businesses that participated
      - a. Need more lighting and the library is too far
      - b. Please share additional feedback with Jade
      - c. Do more with the library lane field?!
  - ii. Upcoming Events in 2026
    - 1. Lunch n Learn with Bedrock Credit in Feb or March of 2026
- c. Marketing – *Margie/Jade*
  - i. Newsletter is out
  - ii. Anything new, please forward to Jade
- d. Holiday – *Heather*
  - i. Thank you to all the tree sponsors!
  - ii. We have a surplus going into next year!
    - 1. Sponsorships received = \$5,675.00
    - 2. Expenses = \$4,022.21
    - 3. Net funds applied to 2026 = \$1,652.79
  - iii. Second year in a row we haven't had to go to the town for financial assistance in town
  - iv. Heather is going to talk to the town about getting approvals for a new tree to plant on the green
    - 1. Larson's wants to plant a real tree in the middle of the green
    - 2. Invite Public Works to a Holiday Tree Committee for 2026

## 7) Chamber Updates

- a. Congrats again to our Holiday Party award winners!
- b. Central Holiday Party: Emerging & Burlington Business/Org of the Year!
  - i. Tavern Day Group won an award for Org of the Year!
- c. Help us keep growing! Referral bonus and hosting opportunities!

## 8) Discussion

- a. DJ: Golf Chair for the United Way – want to bring the event from Winsted to Burlington
  - i. Lisa Ferris is the Executive Director
  - ii. Considering Hogan's Cider Mill
  - iii. Sold out last year!
  - iv. Usually held in September, or late summer
    - 1. Need to ensure this event doesn't overlap with Hogan's busy season (Sept through Nov) and Burlington Tavern Day (September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026)

## 9) **Next Meeting:** Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup> (Noon) at the Burlington Library

## 10) Meeting adjourned at 1:05pm by John Seagrave