



MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, January 15th, 2026 (12pm) - Burlington Public Library

- 1) Call to Order by Jade LaBella at 12:05pm
- 2) Around the Room (:30 intros): Kaitlyn Larson – Member, Alan Miloff – Member, Olivia Miloff – Guest of Alan, Krista Jempty – guest (recruiting firm based in NY), Setina Conforti – Guest (soon-to-be member!), Lisa Farris – Member, DJ Murphy – Director, Rich Browning – Treasurer, Andrea Cote – CCCC Member, Jordan Sanford – Secretary, Jade LaBella – BCC Vice President, Heather Chirumbolo – Director, Tammy Bellino – Member, Jerry Poolin – CCCC Ambassador, Lauren Howard – Member, Sara Telgarsky – Guest (boutique recruiting and career advisory), Doug Thompson – First Selectmen of Burlington.
- 3) Approval of Previous Meeting(s) Minutes – December
 - a. Motion to Approve:
 - i. First: Rich Browning
 - ii. Second: Heather Chirumbolo
- 4) Treasurer's Report – *Rich*
 - a. Bank Balance = \$20,003.64
 - b. Expenses since last report:
 - i. \$130.74 — In Concert Web Solutions for monthly hosting and additional web support in December
 - ii. \$159.00 — Webscape Design
 - iii. \$268.00 — Murphy Boyz for 2 A frame signs to display holiday tree sponsors
 - iv. \$566.85 — Murphy Boyz for 2025 BCC awards production
 - v. \$25.00 — Reimbursement to Jade for Meta ads
 - vi. \$44.96 — Reimbursement to Heather for Holiday Stroll items
 - vii. \$28.95 — \$25 Visa Gift Card referral reward to DJ for his referral of TC Computer Consulting
 - c. Accounts Payable:
 - i. \$? Greenhouse Tavern for BCC Holiday Party catering. Invoice pending.
 - d. Credits since last report:
 - i. \$3,125.00 — Membership Dues
 - ii. \$975.00 — Holiday Party
 - e. Accounts Receivable:
 - i. \$4,975.00 — Membership Dues from 20 members
 - f. Motion to Approve:
 - i. First: Jordan Sanford
 - ii. Second: Alan Miloff

5) Town & Affiliate Reports

a. Doug Thompson (First Selectman)

- i. Johnny Cake field is done
 1. Spring of 2027, it will be open
 2. Music Fest is to return in the future!
- ii. Sidewalks are complete
 1. Lots of positive feedback!
 2. Phase 3 starts soon to connect Covey Rd to the rest of the town
- iii. Covey Rd Bridge and Main St bridge are both complete
- iv. Police Roof has been repaired and is no longer leaking
- v. Repairs made to Town Hall, Library, Fire Dept, etc.
- vi. Taxes were LOWERED!
- vii. Spring contract for Rails to Trails!
- viii. Case Rd reconstruction – waiting for bid
- ix. Balanced senior and low-income housing is being worked on
- x. Leads for potential manufacturing company in Burlington

b. J.P. Parente (EDC) (Tavern Day) (America 250)

- i. BURLINGTON AMERICA 250 COMMITTEE (A250)
- ii. The Memorial Day Parade is SATURDAY this year!
 1. Schedule of all events is online, and Schedule of Fundraisers will be posted by Friday
- iii. First Event: Book Discussion, Thomas Paine's Common Sense
 1. FREE event. No Admission or other fee(s)
 2. Weds, Jan 21, 7:00pm start at Elton Tavern
 3. Discussion and refreshments
 4. Links to text on the Facebook Event page off the A250 Facebook page
- iv. First FUNDRAISER Event: Trivia Night at I Know A Guy Deli
 1. \$20/team, up to 4 people per team
 2. Fri February 13, 6:00pm to 9:00pm at the deli
 3. Cash prizes, 1st, 2nd, 3rd places
 4. People encouraged to order food for extra points
 - a. Thanks to I Know A Guy Deli for hosting this event
- v. Second FUNDRAISER Event: Cornhole Tournament at Town Hall
 1. \$25 teams (teams of 2)
 2. Saturday February 21, noon to conclusion in Town hall lobby and Auditorium
 3. Team registration starts at 11:00am
 4. Bags fly at noon
 5. 1st Prize is \$300 to team, 2nd prize is \$100 to team, 3rd prize is \$50 to team
 6. Prize & 50/50 raffles
 7. \$500 lane sponsorships available for businesses, contact me for details
- vi. A250 Meetings are 7:00pm, first Weds of each month, at Elton Tavern
 1. Volunteers wanted and welcome
- vii. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (EDC)
 1. We had two resignations at the end of 2025 dropping our commissioners to 5 from 7
 2. We are actively seeking people to fill the two vacancies for terms that would expire in 2027
 3. Please contact me if you're interested in the vacancies and we can walk and talk the process from there



4. We are submitting another draft of rules for Live From Burlington after incorporating Town Hall's feedback
 5. The commission is going to start looking at regulations like lighting and signs that are not business friendly
 6. We look forward to better representing ourselves and partnering w/ Chamber of Commerce in 2026 and beyond
 7. EDC meetings are 7:00pm, third Tuesdays of each month, at Elton Tavern
- viii. BURLINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY (BHS)
1. Barbara Flaherty-Carcheti, eighteen-year member of the Board of Directors, stepped down to move south
 2. We officially named the meeting room "The Flaherty-Carcheti Meeting Room," and had a plaque over the door
 - a. Made by Jimmy Sanford and the OWT students from Burlington-harvested antique wood
 3. We have a new Board member as of January, David Ellsworth
 4. Our 7th Annual Wine Tasting is Sat, Jan 31, 6:30 to 8:30pm
 - a. Tickets are \$25/member, \$30/ non-member
 - b. Register online at BHS website or pay at the door
 - c. Thanks to The Best Wine Shop In Town for partnering with us again
 5. BHS has a new acting Treasurer who wants to know when BCC Dues are expected annually.
- ix. TAVERN DAY GROUP (TDG)
1. We are still officially on break until March
 2. Tavern Day 2026 will be the final America 250 event in town
 3. This will be the most difficult Tavern Day to map out in 52 years due to requirements and content
 4. Business Displays
 - a. We heard all the feedback from 2025
 - b. We will find better locations for groups of displays as best as we can
 - c. Due to the multiple reenactor / historical events planned, a "Business Expo" single location is unlikely
 - d. If display locations don't work again this year, we will return to some form of an Expo for 2027
 - e. Elton Tavern property will be off limits to all groups and orgs except reenactors
 - i. This includes the side yard and front yard. Food court remains in the parking lot
 - f. Reenactors
 - i. The front yard and side yard of the Elton Tavern will be occupied by full regiments
 - ii. The field at Crescent Manufacturing will be used for a large-scale war reenactment
 - iii. "We are bringing more people, and horses and cannons" – Reenactors Leader
 - g. Market (Craft Fair)

- h. Like Businesses, the market vendors might be inconvenienced with a relocation this year, too
 - i. They will need to be moved from their usual spot to accommodate the war reenactment
 - j. 2026+ Sponsors vs. Members
 - k. Our 501c3 was granted as membership-based and therefore is membership / donation funded
5. Membership: annual \$30-\$250 dues, four types: Individual, Family, Business, Non-Profit
 - a. 1 to 6 free passes to Tavern Day, recognition on the event wall and publications, more
 6. Sponsorship: must be for dedicated, specific one-time items or components
 - a. Soliciting opportunity for you org or business on a component of Tavern Day
 - b. Ex: Tavern Day Entrance Gate, sponsored by... Band, sponsored by... Tavern Day, Shuttles, sponsored by...
 - c. You can be a member and a sponsor, or just a member, or just a sponsor

6) Committee Updates

a. Membership – *Rich*

i. Membership Totals

1. Total members = 93
2. Business members = 85
3. New business members = 0
4. Friends of BCC members = 8
 - a. New Friends of BCC members = 0
5. Past due members from July 2025 = 3 (Ahlgren Landscaping, Burlington Veterinary Center, OneDigital)

b. Events – *Kerry/Jade*

- i. Upcoming Events in 2026
- ii. Tuesday, January 20th – LABA at 5:30pm at the Litchfield Inn
- iii. Working to fill the calendar for the 2026 year
 1. If you're interested in hosting a "coffee connection" please let us know!
 2. February 12th will be the first one – location TBD!
- iv. Quarterly meetings with LABA, Avon/Canton Chamber, etc.
- v. April 8th – Brian Cassidy from TSB is hosting a security seminar at the senior center

c. Directors – *Rich/Jade*

- i. Discussion on LSM Scholarship
 1. Asking for donations
 2. The Chamber supports the scholarship annually
 3. Two different scholarships given each year
 - a. Trade School student awarded
 - b. Volunteer student awarded
- ii. Nominating Committee to begin forming soon
 1. Make a Motion – Lisa Farris
 - a. DJ Murphy seconds
 - b. Collectively "Ay"!
- iii. Sympathy to Judi Ann & family
 1. Chamber is sending flowers



2. If anyone would like her mailing address, please reach out to Heather Chirumbolo or Jade LaBella

d. Marketing – *Margie/Jade*

i. If you need anything added or updated, please send out to Margie!

7) Chamber Updates

a. Help us keep growing! Referral bonus and hosting opportunities!

8) Discussion

a. Stock the Barn event!

i. February 26th at Little Red Barn at 5:30pm

ii. More info to come

9) **Next Meeting:** Thursday, February 19th (Noon) at the Burlington Library

10) Meeting adjourned at 1pm by Jade LaBella