



MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, March 19th, 2026 (12pm) - Burlington Public Library

- 1) Call to Order @ 12:05pm
- 2) Around the Room (:30 intros) Amy Hoerle - Guest, Margie Bowen – Director, Olivia Miloff – Member, J.P. Parente – Member, John Seagrave – President, Mira Main St. Canoe & Kayak, Caroline Brayne, Eric Harrison, Member, Meradith Benson & Alison Maraquikn – Guest, Marolyn Cook – Member, Thom Smith – Director, – Guest, Lisa Farris – Member, DJ Murphy – Director, Rich Browning – Treasurer, Jordan Sanford – Secretary, Jade LaBella – BCC Vice President, Heather Chirumbolo – Director, Katie D’Agostino – President CCCC, Samantha Martinez - Member
- 3) Special Welcome – *United Way of Central & Northeastern CT*
 - a. *They serve 56 communities after merger.*
 - b. *They are looking for engagement from someone in Burlington for the Regional Advisory Board.*
 - c. *They have volunteer opportunities available in the region.*
- 4) Approval of Previous Meeting(s) Minutes –
 - a. *January Minutes Approved by 1st Thom Smith & 2nd Rich Brown*
 - b. *February – Tabled to next meeting*
- 5) Treasurer’s Report – *Rich*
 - a. Bank Balance = \$17,421.68
 - b. Expenses since last report:
 - i. \$351.16 — In Concert Web Solutions (\$107.74), Webscape Design (\$159.00), QuickBooks (\$38.38) and Eversource (\$46.04)
 - ii. \$70.00 - In Concert Web Solutions for 0.5 hours of website plugin maintenance
 - iii. \$1,500.00 — Central CT Chambers for Q1 2026 Admin Svcs
 - iv. \$107.74 — I Know A Guy - lunch for Feb membership meeting and past due invoice for Dec 2025 membership meeting lunch.
 - v. \$24.97 — Jade: Reimbursement for 2/12 Coffee Connections Meta Boost
 - c. Credits since last report:
 - i. \$2,303.75 — Membership Dues

- d. Accounts Receivable:
 - i. \$2,050.00 — Membership Dues from 10 January 2026 billed members
- e. Report Approved
 - i. *1st Lisa Ferris & 2nd Heather Chirumbolo*

6) Town & Affiliate Reports

- a. Doug Thompson (First Selectman) – Not Present
- b. J.P. Parente (EDC) (Tavern Day) (America 250) –
 - i. EDC – Doug will discuss new developments in next meeting. They are interviewing businesses in towns to get insights about business in Burlington. Looking into research of sustainability of business in town.
 - ii. America 250 – Big Event July 9th, follow their social media for events and updates. Fundraisers and donations are going well, thank you.
 - iii. Tavern Day – They are starting to meet this month; they are working on adding history to align with America 250. They cannot use Crescent Manf. As they are now expanding.
 - 1. Business Registration will start 5/15 – 7/15
- c. Katie D’Agostino (Central CT Chamber of Commerce)
 - i. House Bill 5378 – Association Health plans passed out of committee. They need our help supporting sending letters to legislators. Look for Katie’s email communication. They need support from the local businesses.
 - ii. EnergizeCT – Look for link on chamber’s website for an energy assessment.
 - iii. CT Paid Leave Authority – They can help employers navigate this system.
 - iv. Lunch and Learn/ Workforce Wednesday – Onboarding new employees next week.
 - v. Look at Chamber Calendar for additional upcoming events.

7) Committee Updates

- a. Membership – *Rich*
 - i. Total members = 93
 - ii. Business members = 85
 - iii. Friends of BCC members = 8
 - iv. New business members = 0
 - v. New Friends of BCC members = 0
 - vi. Jan 2026 past due members = 10
- b. Events – *Kerry/Jade*
- c. April 9, 2026 – Coffee Connection hosted by Region 10 Schools
- d. April 22, 2026 – Lunch and Learn hosted by Bedrock
- e. May 14, 2026 – BAH hosted by Hogans Cider Mill
- f. June 11, 2026 – Coffee Connection hosted by Service Master Albino
- g. July 9, 2026 - BAH hosted by Prestige Plumbing
- h. August 13, 2026 - Network Palooza – Market Street Creatives joint with LABA



- i. September 10, 2026 (BAH) hosted by Larsons Garden Center
 - i. Nominating – *Kerry*
 - i. Update – April 1st is
 - ii. Slate Presented in April; Voted on in May; Term starts in June
 - j. Marketing – *Margie/Jade*
 - i. *Please look at your chamber profile and ensure your logo and business description is accurate.*
 - ii. *Like our FB page and send Jade anything you want shared.*
- 8) Chamber Updates
- a. Help us keep growing! Referral bonus and hosting opportunities!
 - b. September & October to have different meeting location
- 9) Discussion
- 10) **Next Meeting:** Thursday, April 16th (noon) at the Burlington Library