



## MEMBERSHIP MEETING

*Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026 (12pm) - Burlington Public Library*

- 1) Call to Order – 12:05pm
- 2) Around the Room (:30 intros)
- 3) Approval of Previous Meeting(s) Minutes –
  - a. *February tabled*
  - b. *March –*
    - i. Report Approved - *1<sup>st</sup> Rich Browning & 2<sup>nd</sup> Heather Chirumbolo*
- 4) Treasurer's Report – *Rich*  
Bank Balance = \$18,110.36

### Expenses since last report:

1. \$350.87 — In Concert Web Solutions (\$107.74), Webscape Design (\$159.00), QuickBooks (\$38.38) and Eversource (\$45.75)
2. \$51.21 — I Know A Guy - lunch for Mar membership meeting
3. \$24.99 — Jade: Reimbursement for March Meta Ads

### Outstanding checks:

1. \$88.00 — USPS for 12 mo. P.O. Box renewal
2. \$38.00 — Jade: Reimbursement for April Meta Ads

### Credits since last report:

1. \$1,150.00 — Membership Dues

### Accounts Receivable:

1. \$1,600.00 — Membership Dues

- a. Report Approved *1<sup>st</sup> Lisa Ferris & 2<sup>nd</sup> DJ Murphy*

- 5) Town & Affiliate Reports
  - a. Doug Thompson (First Selectman) – Not available
  - b. Katie D'Agostino (Central CT Chamber of Commerce)
    - i. Lake Compounce discount tickets available on website
    - ii. Free Recycle Drive with HW Green for Earth Day

- iii. Chamber Tune Up hosted monthly for new members and legacy members – April 28<sup>th</sup>.
- iv. Workforce Wednesday Lunch & Learn – Check website monthly.
- v. PowHERful Connections – May 12<sup>th</sup> Women’s networking group.
- vi. June 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Dinner – Get your tickets and register
- vii. Golf Tournament – August 3<sup>rd</sup> Tunxis
- c. J.P. Parente (EDC) (Tavern Day) (America 250)
  - i. See attached at end of meeting minutes.

## 6) Committee Updates

- a. Membership – *Rich*
  - i. Total members = 94
  - ii. Business members = 86
  - iii. Friends of BCC members = 8
  - iv. New business members = 1
  - v. New Friends of BCC members = 0
  - vi. Jan 2026 past due members = 8
- b. Events – *Kerry/Jade*
  - i. April 9, 2026 – Coffee Connection hosted by Region 10 Schools thank you!! Love this collaboration. Let’s make it an annual event.
  - ii. April 22, 2026 – Lunch and Learn hosted by Bedrock
  - iii. May 14, 2026 – BAH hosted by Hogans Cider Mill
  - iv. June 9, 2026 – Coffee Connection hosted by Service Master Albino
  - v. June 13<sup>th</sup> 8am – 1pm Blood Drive at Town Hall
    - 1. Drop off swag to be passed out if you’re interested by 5/29 to John’s Office.
    - 2. We would need 30 – 35 bags
  - vi. July 9, 2026 - BAH hosted by Prestige Plumbing
    - 1. Hot off the press: this is a joint event with Canton & Avon at a special time to encourage members to enjoy the America 250 celebration across the street at 6pm.
  - vii. August 12, 2026 - Network Palooza – Market Street Creatives joint with LABA
  - viii. September 10, 2026 (BAH) hosted by Larsons Garden Center
  - ix. November 12, 2026 (BAH) hosted by Keystone
  - x. December Holiday Party & Sidewalk Stroll - TBD
- c. Nominating – *Kerry*
  - i. Board Slate - Voted on at May meeting; Terms start in June
    - 1. Director Slate
      - a. Margie Bowen, Webscape Design & Consulting
      - b. Kerry Brash, K Brash & Associates LLC
      - c. Richard Browning, Torrington Savings Bank
      - d. Heather Chirumbolo, Berkshire Hathaway Homeservices NE
      - e. Lauren Howard, Prestige Plumbing Werks
      - f. Christopher Mooney, Luman Therapy Collective



SUPPORTING LOCAL BUSINESSES

- g. Jordan Sanford, Litchfield Area Business Association
- h. John Seagrave, Barron Financial Group
- i. Olivia Miloff, Keystone Place at Newbury Brook
- j.

2. Officer Slate

- a. Secretary - Olivia Miloff, Keystone Place at Newbury Brook
- b. Past President - John Seagrave, Barron Financial Group
- c. President - Heather Chirumbolo, Berkshire Hathaway Homeservices  
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d. Marketing – Margie/Jade

- i. *Please look at your chamber profile and ensure your logo and business description are accurate.*
- ii. *Like our FB page and send Jade anything you want shared.*

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7) Chamber Updates

- a. May is our Annual Meeting – You don't want to miss it.
- b. Burlington's Best: Food Edition details coming soon.
- c. Help us keep growing! Referral bonus and hosting opportunities!

8) Discussion

9) **Next Meeting:** Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup> (noon) at the Burlington Library

- a. Adjourned: 12:58pm. Moved *Lisa Ferris & 2<sup>nd</sup> Richard Browning*

**AMERICA 250 COMMITTEE**

- *Schedule of Remaining Events:*

Date	Day / Time / Location	Event	Event Type
April 19	Sun, 3:00pm, Burlington Cong. Church	Episodes 1, Ken Burn's Revolutionary War	Watch Party & Discussion
April 21	Tues, 7:00pm, Burlington Cong. Church	Episodes 2, Ken Burn's Revolutionary War	Watch Party & Discussion
April 26	Sun, 3:00pm, Burlington Cong. Church	Episodes 3, Ken Burn's Revolutionary War	Watch Party & Discussion
April 28	Tues, 7:00pm, Burlington Cong. Church	Episodes 4, Ken Burn's Revolutionary War	Watch Party & Discussion
May 3	Sun, 3:00pm, Burlington Cong. Church	Episodes 5, Ken Burn's Revolutionary War	Watch Party & Discussion
May 5	Tues, 7:00pm, Burlington Cong. Church	Episodes 6, Ken Burn's Revolutionary War	Watch Party & Discussion
May 23	Sat, 10:00am, GW Turnpike & Rt 4	Burlington's A250 / Memorial Day Parade	Celebration
May 25	Mon, 10:00am, Center Cemetery	Memorial Day Ceremony	Memorial
May 30	Sat, 10:00am, Center Cemetery	Center Cemetery Walk & Learn	On-Site Interactive Lecture
June 12	Fri, School Hours, Lake Garda School	LGS Flag Day Ceremony & Unveiling of the 2026 Town Quilt	Celebration
June 13	Sat, 10:00am, Lamson Corner Cemetery. Sat, 3:00pm, Burlington Cong. Church	Lamson Corner Cemetery Walk & Learn Thank You Dinner for Veterans	On-Site Interactive Lecture Celebration & Appreciation
July 9	Thurs, 6:00pm, The Town Green	Public Reading of The Declaration of Independence	Reenactments & Celebration
Sept 20	Sun, 11:00am, GW Turnpike	Tavern Day 52: Reenactors & More	Reenactments & Celebration

Dates and times are subject to change. We look forward to providing this mix of celebratory and educational events to our fellow residents and encourage you to attend and bring friends. For more information, to donate, or to volunteer for any event, contact us via messaging through our Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/a250.06013](https://www.facebook.com/a250.06013) or call/text 860-716-5461

- Donations are still being accepted.
  - Payable to: Town of Burlington, CT - Memo/Reason: A250 Committee
  - Mail to: Town Hall address (200 Spielman Highway...)
- Ken Burns Watch Parties & Discussions at the church begin this Sunday
  - Sundays will start at 3pm and Tuesdays start at 7pm.
- The May 16<sup>th</sup> Repaint of Schoolhouse
  - All are welcome to volunteer to prep the building for paint.
  - Original colors will be resprayed May 16/17 by volunteer pro painter
- The May 23<sup>rd</sup> Memorial Day Parade is rapidly approaching
  - PLEASE RESPOND TO JOHN DEEB'S EMAIL TO CONFIRM ATTENDANCE!
  - Floats and decorated flatbed trucks are welcome
  - The LSM band will play and we may have other historical bands too
  - For more info, to confirm participation, or to declare interest, email John Deeb: [burlingtonparade@gmail.com](mailto:burlingtonparade@gmail.com)
- The July 9<sup>th</sup> Declaration Reading on the green at 6pm is coming together
  - Significance? July 9, 1776 at 6pm was first public reading of the declaration to people
  - Burlington, CT is the only town recreating this event in CT – everyone else is celebrating on Flag Day or July 4<sup>th</sup>
  - WFSB and Fox61 are going to interview us soon and are interested in covering the July 9<sup>th</sup> event
  - We still need a horse or two to ride the declaration in to the green to present to the reader
  - We are still seeking a fife and drum corp. to play at the event
  - Reenactors will do musket volleys at the conclusion and the church will sound the bells just like 250 years ago
  - There will be a reception at the Elton Tavern and announcement of the winner of the cornhole set
- The June 13<sup>th</sup> Veterans Steak Dinner at 3pm is also progressing nicely
  - The church is allowing us to take over their space for the event
  - Tonn's marketplace is donating all the potatoes for the baked potato side
  - A local kitchen is cooking and donating steamed veggies for the other side and vanilla icecream
  - The church is donating apple crisp as a dessert
  - Lions Club has donated to the food cost and volunteered to cook the steaks on site
  - Burlington Police Union is donating towards the meal cost
  - Groceries stores are being approached to discount / donate steaks.
  - *If any businesses want to donate towards the cost of food that would be appreciated.*



### **BEAT THE BEAST – COLLIN GENETTI FUNDRAISER**

- Genetti Family friends are putting on a fundraiser bash June 20<sup>th</sup> at Library Lane, 2:00pm to 9:00pm
- Bully's Boards is doing a Cornhole Tournament, \$50/team and 2/3 of registration goes to the family
- Burlington Lions Club is selling food and alcohol and donating all proceeds direct to the family
- There will be raffle prizes and yard games and more, all to benefit the family
- There will be live entertainment and Police and First Responder presences
- Officer Russell is organizing a state-wide K9-Unit presence at the event
- The planning team is looking into inflatables for kids as well and I pointed them to Dunn's in town
- If anyone wants help plan, donate, or volunteer, contact Liz Ucello at [info@womeninbusinessct.com](mailto:info@womeninbusinessct.com)

### **BURLINGTONIA**

- Its back to Library Lane on June 27<sup>th</sup> this year from roughly 2 to 9pm (times pending)
- There will be two stages this year and more bands competing to Tavern Day slots
- Businesses are encouraged to sign up and market / solicit their goods like last year
- Lions Club has signed up as a sponsor and will be handling the food and alcohol

### **BURLINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

- BHS has submitted a 5-10year project plan to town hall per the recent 30 year lease agreement
- There are upcoming restoration and improvement projects pending discussion w/ the town and eventually bidding
- The society is working with A250 to put on some additional events (see A250 schedule)
- The society wants to start doing quarterly events like happy hours or game nights and potentially team w/ local businesses

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

- EDC is eager to join up with the chamber for the proposed restaurant recognition program
- EDC is going to tackle the Neighborhood Grants program for the town which will help small businesses and non-profits
- EDC has submitted a 3<sup>rd</sup> draft of LiveFromBurlington.com rules and guidelines for review to Parks & Rec
- EDC is an almost all-new board as of 2026. I am a 2024 carry-over, everyone else is Q4 2025 or Q1 2026 addition
- The new group has gelled well and is hungry to take on assigned tasks and team with the chamber long term
- If you are interested in joining, please contact me 860-716-5461 or [ParNT.06013@gmail.com](mailto:ParNT.06013@gmail.com)
- EDC has two vacancies that we are eager to fill with enthusiastic people of sound mind

### **TAVERN DAY GROUP**

- Planning for 2026 has begun and the second meeting is later this day
- For this year, The Business Expo returns to a centralized location
  - Options being discussed for the Expo:
    - #1 – Registration is \$50.00. Business is responsible for 10x10 canopy and any tables/racks they require
    - #2 – Registration is \$100.00. Business still responsible for 10x10 canopy, but receive one 2.5ft x 8ft table.
    - #3+ - Anything suggested tonight could be considered, too
- 2026-2027 goal is to beef up membership and grant applications so we can start owning resources and not renting them
- TDG also plans to start a scholarship fund by 2028 for Burlington residents graduating high school

- TDG is going to have two fundraisers in 2026: a Trivia Night at Enclave (date TBD) and a cornhole tournament July 11th
- We are starting to discuss working with the CT School of Broadcasting to broadcast Tavern Day over a frequency or app
- We are considering selling merchandise for additional funds

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