



MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, July 16th, 2026 (12pm) - Burlington Public Library

- 1) Call to Order - 12:04 by Heather Chirumbolo
- 2) Around the Room (:30 intros) - – Olivia Miloff (BCC Secretary), Lauren Howard (BCC Director), Margie Bowen (BCC Director), John Seagrave (BCC Past President), Luke Arnone (Member), Katie D'Agostino (CCCC Director), Kerry Brash (BCC Past President), Jade LaBella (BCC VP), Tom Smith (BCC Director), Heather Chirumbolo (BCC President), Jordan Sanford (BCC Director), Doug Thompson (First Selectman), Andrea Cote (Member), Chris Mooney (BCC Director), Hayha (New Member).
- 3) Approval of Previous Meeting(s) Minutes – *February 2026, May 2026 & June 2026*
 - a. *Approved, 1st Jade LaBella, 2nd Kerry Brash*
- 4) Treasurer's Report – *Rich*
Bank Balance as of 7/10/2026 = \$16,209.09

Expenses since last report:

1. \$97.74 — In Concert Web Solutions for web hosting
2. \$159.00 — Webscape Design for web services
3. \$21.83 — Heather reimbursement for water and plates for June member meeting
4. \$84.65 — Jade reimbursement for May and June Meta Ads
5. \$202.13 — IKAG for three catering invoices (2 past Member Meetings and 1 Lunch and Learn)

Credits since last report:

1. \$1,475.00 — Membership Dues

Accounts Receivable:

1. \$6,350.00 — Membership Dues (34 Members)
 - a. *Report Approved 1st Tom Smith, 2nd Olivia Miloff*

5) Town & Affiliate Reports

- a. Doug Thompson (First Selectman)
 - i. Thanking everyone in public works, fire dept, emergency services, etc. for unpredicted July 4th storm
 - ii. Mill rates
 1. Second lowest tax rate in Hartford County, aiming to be #1

- 2. New Crescent Manufacturing is going to help with tax rates, same as housing plans
 - 3. Most projects and improvements outside of school constructions will maintain the low taxes
- iii. Housing plan will take time for approvals, very important in development
- iv. The town is not charging the Burlington Chamber for installation of Christmas Trees
- v. Public works:
 - 1. Had a recent retirement, promoted within the office
 - 2. Developing a structure/order into the town offices
 - 3. Working with union for changes, had some pushback with changes – tents donated to historical society
 - 4. Working to improving public works
- b. Katie D'Agostino (Central CT Chamber of Commerce)
 - i. Thursday July 23rd (11:30 am -1:00 pm) – Employment Law Virtual Seminar
 - ii. July 29th & August 26th - Workforce Wednesday Lunch and Learn
 - iii. August 11th (4:30 - 7:30 pm)– PowHERful Connections @ Max Pizza
 - iv. November 2nd – 10th - Greece Trip
 - v. August 3rd – Golf Tournament
- c. J.P. Parente (EDC) (Tavern Day) (America 250) - Not Available
 - i. Tavern Day sign up ends July 15th, it has been extended to July 30th

6) Committee Updates

a. Membership – *Rich*

- i. Membership Count
 - 1. Total members = 94
 - 2. Business members = 86
 - 3. Friends of BCC members = 8
 - 4. New business members = 1: Kin You Dee Restaurant
 - 5. New Friends of BCC members = 0
 - 6. Jan 2026 past due members = 2

b. Events – *Kerry/Jade/Heather*

- i. Upcoming Events
 - 1. August 12th – Business After Hours - Network Palooza with LABA @ Market Street Creatives in Torrington
 - 2. September 10th - Business after Hours hosted by Larson's Garden Center & Landscaping
 - 3. October 1st – Business After Hours hosted by Barron Financial Group and Borla & Associates Real Estate @ Burlington Offices
 - 4. October 7th - Lunch and Learn hosted by Lumen Therapy Collective
 - 5. Let us know if you are interested in hosting!

c. Marketing – *Margie/Jade*

- i. *Nothing to report; typical updates for new members, events, etc.*



- ii. *Newsletters go out first and third Monday of the month*

7) Chamber Updates

- a. 2027 Hosting opportunities for BAH, coffee connection, lunch and learns
- b. Restaurant Week
 - i. Through central chamber, Michael has organized through Farmington, Plainville, and Burlington. Taking place at July 23rd, Farmington Gardens from 6-9. Tickets are 55 dollars. Buy tickets at itsrestaurantweek.com. Burlington Restaurants Participating:
 - 1. Kin you dee
 - 2. I know a guy
 - 3. Greenhouse tavern
- c. "Burlington's Best – Food Addition"
 - i. Create 6 different categories, going to restaurants and have them submit a certain dish
 - ii. Voting for Town Residents Raffle for town gift basket Voting in August, Announcement of winner(s) in September
 - iii. Want more publicity, restaurant presence is growing in town
 - iv. Submitting something already on their menu, what are they "known for"
 - v. Total of about 15 restaurants
 - vi. Geographically just Burlington
 - vii. Waiting for dates to be finalized
- d. Holiday – Committee meeting soon
 - i. Sidewalk stroll and holiday trees, working on dates
- e. September/October meeting locations – Congregational Church of Burlington
- f. Help us keep growing! Referral bonus

8) Discussion

- a. New restaurant in Burlington - Kin You Dee restaurant
 - i. Offers flavorful Asian and Thai-inspired dishes made with fresh ingredients, authentic recipes, and a warm welcoming atmosphere
 - ii. Open Wednesday – Monday,

9) **Next Meeting:** Thursday, August 20th (noon) at the Burlington Library

10) Meeting adjourned at 12:46 by Heather Chirumbolo