



MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, September 17th, 2026 (12pm) - Congregational Church of Burlington

- 1) Call to Order – 12:09 by Heather Chirumbolo
- 2) Around the Room (:30 intros) - Olivia Miloff (BCC Secretary), Lauren Howard (BCC Director), John Seagrave (BCC Past President), Andrew LaForge (CCCC Director), Kerry Brash (BCC Past President), Jade LaBella (BCC VP), Heather Chirumbolo (BCC President), Doug Thompson (First Selectman), DJ Murphy (BCC Director), Ron Trotto (BCC Member), Fran Thompson (BCC Member)
- 3) J.P. Parente (EDC) (Tavern Day) (America 250) – Not Present
- 4) Approval of Previous Meeting(s) Minutes – August 2026
 - a. *Approved*, 1st John Seagrave, 2nd Jade LaBella
- 5) Treasurer's Report – *Rich*
 - a. Bank Balance = \$13,838.98 as of 9/16/2026
 - b. Expenses since last report:
 1. \$295.12 — In Concert Web Solutions (\$97.74), Webscape Design (\$159.00), and QuickBooks (\$38.38)
 2. \$35.00 — In Concert Web Solutions for 0.25 hours of website maintenance support
 3. \$150.00 — Webscape Design for research, set up, and testing for Burlington's Best survey
 4. \$602.00 — Travelers annual commercial insurance policy renewal
 5. \$24.89 — Jade reimbursement for Network Palooza Meta Ads
 6. \$138.24 — Heather reimbursement for August Members Meeting lunch and supplies
 - c. Outstanding checks:
 1. \$558.00 — Travelers annual D&O policy renewal
 2. \$150.00 — Reimbursement to Heather for Tammy and Mark Gift Card
 - d. Credits since last report:
 1. \$900.00 — Membership Dues
 - e. Accounts Receivable:
 1. \$4,675.00 — Membership Dues (26 Members)

6) Town & Affiliate Reports

a. Doug Thompson (First Selectman)

- i. Repaired sections of GWTPK, reconstruction of Punch Brook before Case, then ripping up Case Rd and redoing it; RT 69 is getting renovated by the state (state road)

b. Adrew LaForge (Central CT Chamber of Commerce)

- i. Always Check website for updates
- ii. October 7th – Lunch and Learn with Chris Mooney @ Burlington Library (12:00 – 1:30pm)
- iii. October 7th – Leads Group (12:20 – 1:30pm)
- iv. October 8th – Startup Panel (5:00 – 7:00 pm)
- v. October 13th - PowHERful Connections Women's Networking Series (4:30 – 7:30 pm)
- vi. October 15th – Bowling Tournament (4:30 – 8:30pm)
- vii. October 19th – Leadership Development Program (8:00am – 12:00pm)
- viii. October 22nd - Beyond Prompting: Building Confidence Using AI (1:00 – 2:00 pm)
- ix. October 27th, business expo/business after hours at Double Tree in Bristol, capped at 50 vendors (5:00 – 7:00pm)

7) Committee Updates

a. Membership – *Rich/John*

i. Membership Count

1. Total members = 92
2. Business members = 83
3. Friends of BCC members = 9
4. New business members = 1: Make a Mark Region 10
5. New Friends of BCC members = 1: Tammy and Mark Bellino
6. Lapsed members = 1 (The Best Wine Shop in Town)

b. Events – *Kerry/Jade/Heather/Chris*

i. Upcoming Events

1. October 7th – Lunch and Learn with Chris Mooney @ Burlington Library (12:00 – 1:30pm)
2. November 12th – Business After Hours @ Keystone Place at Newbury Brook (5:00 -7:00 pm)
3. December 2nd – Sidewalk Stroll (5:00 -7:00 pm)

c. Marketing – *Margie/Jade*

- i. Newsletters go out on the first and third Tuesday of every month
- ii. Holiday stroll – looking to partner with other businesses



8) Chamber Updates

- a. Holiday – Committee meeting Thursday, 9/24
- b. Crescent Manufacturing – Ribbon Cutting – October 20th 10AM-12PM
- c. 2027 Hosting opportunities for BAH, coffee connection, lunch and learns
- d. September/October meeting locations – Congregational Church of Burlington
- e. Help us keep growing! Referral bonus

9) Discussion

- a. October 17th – PPW Pumpkin Festival @ 12:00pm
- b. November 7th – Designer Purse Bingo @ Keystone Place at Newbury Brook
- c. November 24th – Burlington Green – Holiday Committee Decorating Day @ 3pm

10) **Next Meeting:** Thursday, October 15th (noon) at the Congregational Church of Burlington

11) Meeting Adjourned - 12:59pm by Heather Chirumbolo