9.16.26 BACC BOD Meeting Minutes

Present: Laura Malieswski, Michelle Cleveland, Peggy Clay, Karen Kennedy, Jen Palmier, Renee Powers, Kraig Sourbeer & John
Guest: Jim Sullivan

Called to order at 5:11 p.m.

Approval of July Meeting Minutes: Renee moved to approve the July meeting minutes. Karen seconded, and the motion passed.

Financials: The July and August treasurer's reports were reviewed, showing a balance of $18,274.22. Karen moved to approve the financials. Renee seconded, and the motion passed. Laura noted that funds were lower due to festival and website expenses, but income from sponsors and vendors is expected. Fall Fest sponsorships totaled $9,310.00 this year.

New Board Member: Kraig Sourbeer expressed interest in joining the Chamber to give back to the Town of Burke. Peggy moved to approve his membership. Renee seconded, and the motion passed.

Christmas Tree Contest/Display: No decision was made. Jen will ask Darci Bailey whether BMC wants to host the trees this year under the same arrangement as in prior years: the pipes must be installed promptly after the October 24 event, and some trees may remain bare for two to three weeks in January. Darci must respond by October 1. If BMC does not host the display, the Town is willing to place the trees in West Burke Park and provide assistance. The display may include 10–12 trees rather than 15, and a tree-lighting or holiday event could be held next door at the West Burke Library. BMC may also create its own display using trees, cords, decorations, and lights purchased for its property.

Kiosk Repairs Update: No additional information was available. Painless Glass will complete the installation for $800.00.

Village Wi-Fi Update: Jen contacted NEK Broadband, which will follow up directly with Laura.

Fall Festival Update: Laura reviewed preparations, including vendor coordination, donations, and PayPal payment processing. Reusable cloth bags are on the way and will be sold for $3 each; signage will be updated accordingly. The team also discussed distributing promotional flyers and coordinating volunteers, including Renee and Jen. After the parade, at approximately 10:30–10:45 a.m., Burton should go to the gazebo to welcome attendees and thank volunteers and sponsors. He will then introduce Peggy, who will present Susan Pierce with the award.

Passumpsic Bank Networking Event—October 28, 2026: Invitations will be sent to local businesses. The event will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Halloween Event—October 24, 4:00–7:00 p.m., East Burke: Kellie will receive $200.00 for supplies and decorations. Renee moved to approve the expense. Michelle seconded, and the motion passed.

2027 Member Dues: The Board agreed to increase business membership dues by $15 while keeping individual dues unchanged. The new business rates will be $125, $150, and $175. Karen moved to approve the increase. Kraig seconded, and the motion passed.

Business of the Year: The Board reviewed nominations and selected Hope as the recipient.

Next Meeting: The annual meeting will be held November 4 at Burke Mountain. The Board will meet at 5:30 p.m., and members will arrive at 6:00 p.m.
Annual Meeting Vote: Members will vote on the slate of officers, each serving a three-year term: Peggy, Renee, Kraig, Burton, and Jen.
Guest Speaker: Heather Pelham, Commissioner of the Vermont Department of Tourism and Marketing. Updates will also be provided by KT and Burke Mountain.

The meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.