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RIBOA Monthly Meeting.

Barrington Town Hall

Meeting Minutes – August 21, 2025

Vice President Matt Souza called the meeting to order at 1:25 PM.
Pledge of Allegiance led by Chris Carey.

Executive Board Members:

President: Chuck Phelps (absent)
Vice President: Matthew Souza (present)
Secretary: Seth Golbitz (present)
Treasurer: Christopher Carey (present)
Past President: Brad Ward (absent)

Minutes:

Stan Dickerson moved to approve the prior meeting minutes, which was seconded by Larry Desormier (all in favor).

Secretary's Report: Nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Chris Carey reported the following:

18-Month CD*

- The 15-Month CD had a beginning balance of \$90,957. It has accrued \$303.47 in interest totaling \$91,260.47

Education Account

January

- Education Account had a beginning balance of \$23,587.39 with 5 withdrawal totaling \$5,000 and 0 deposits for an ending balance of \$18,587.39.

Operating Account

January

- Operating Account beginning balance of \$11,568.01 with 3 Withdrawals totaling \$348.26 for an ending balance of \$11,219.75.

Brad Ward made a motion Treasurer's Report which was seconded by Stan Dickerson (all in favor).

Vice President's Report: Nothing to Report.



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President's Report: N/A

Committee Reports:

1. Social Committee: Jim Tavarozzi present, The Summer Outing will be September 12, 2025 at the 210 Oyster Bar, Wakefield, 1200-1500. Free for members, \$20 for guests.

- Winter Outing: Tentatively scheduled for December 12 (Friday), 2025 at TopGolf.

2. Legislative Committee: None

3. Membership Committee: Matt Souza spoke:

40% of current Membership has renewed. \$100 on or before Dec 31; \$125 before March 31; \$150 April 1st, 2026.

Old Business: None

New Business

1. State Building Commission Report: Jim Cambio

- Received a few questions regarding ADU, and asked the attending members if they have any questions.

ADU legislation is a Zoning Law and does not change the Building code. If the ADU is allowed, it needs to comply with the Building Code.

ADU is considered a Separate Dwelling Unit.

- RK &CH Energy Readiness provisions are in effect in both the Residential and Commercial Codes. New Construction Only.
- Adoption of the Building Code: Technical comments have been addressed. No date as of this meeting.

2. ICC Updates: Bill Nash.

- There will be a Rhode Island specific Digital Code publication, which is free for the members that use the free subscription provided by the Building Commissioner.
- Be sure to reference the ESR (Evaluation Service Reports) listings for new products are code compliant.
- ICC Energy Battery Storage report will be emailed to Matt Souza to be distributed to the membership. Helpful Guide.



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- There is a Call for Committees, i.e.: ICC Exam development Committee.
 - ICC Conference will be held in Cleveland, OH in October.
 - Pro Code Act, a law to protect organizations that develop Standards and Codes, such as UL, NFPA, ICC from companies that post these on their websites, essentially stealing them. Request a motion for the RIBOA President to support and sign a letter supporting the Pro Code Act.
Motion: Bill Nash, 2nd by George Dumont (All in Favor)
3. **Donations for the Habitat for Humanity at the Annual Business Meeting Conference:** Wayne Pimental
- Permit Tech Nation, Day of Service: Donation of \$500. (Credit Card)
Support the Fisher House and Ronald McDonald charities of North Eastern Ohio.
Motion: Wayne Pimental, 2nd by Stan Dickerson (All in Favor)
4. **RI Night (Tuesday Night) at Amhurst NEBOEA:** Matt Souza
- \$35 per member. Motion by Brad Ward, 2nd by Larry Desormier (All in Favor).
5. **Members' Questions and Comments:**
- Request by Alfred DeCorte: The Billy Schmidt Memorial Bike Run, two Tee Signs (\$50 per tee sign) for \$100.
Motion by Brad Ward, 2nd by Stan Dickerson (All in Favor)
6. Net Zero Training, 5 CEU. 50 seats available. September 30th, 2025 at Arnold Lumber in Wakefield. Starting at 9 am.

Correspondence: None

Health & Welfare: None

Adjournment: Brad Ward made a motion to adjourn at 2:05 PM, seconded by Ted Isabella (all in favor).