



## **SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

March 4, 2026 at 7pm

Bantam Annex: 80 Doyle Road, Bantam, CT 06750

1. Call meeting to order at 7:07PM.
2. *Present:* C. Fussenich, T. Bares, L. Turner, A. Glover, V. Butkus, M. Lafferty, T. Roman  
*Absent:* M. Murelli, V. Butkus
3. Housekeeping:
  - A review of January 28, 2026 minutes has been postponed to the next meeting.
4. New business
  - Amanda Glover attended February's FOIA training and discussed best practices and discussed with the committee.
  - Cleve presents an America 250 idea "Litchfield's Birthday" that could parlay into an annual celebration, and perhaps a first step towards Love Litchfield Day. It could be a way to build community between new and old residents. Motion to explore the idea further. Tara motions and Missy seconds. All in favor.
5. 2026 Restaurant Week - 28 restaurants participating this year.
  - March 1 final deadline to submit 1) menu; 2) photos; 3) \$25, \$35, or \$50 price point for restaurants.
  - The group discussed publicity, and a press release update.
  - Kickoff party at Lost Fox Inn / invitees on Thursday, March 19, from 2-5pm.
  - 8 sponsors have signed on so far.
  - Lawn signs, posters will be placed March 9 & 10.
6. BUSINESS DATABASE WORKING SESSION - DATE TBD, tabled to a future meeting.
7. Marketing and branding Litchfield:
  - Seasonal itineraries — new spring guide is in development.
  - Will need to print another run of print guides, this time without sponsorship. Tara motions to approve another 1000, Cleve seconds. All in favor. Additionally, the information booth needs a new organizer. The group brainstormed options, highlighting that the pitch could be a community give to give.
8. Finance:
  - Connecticut Community Foundation (March 17)
  - Seherr-Thoss Foundation (April 4 via new online system) regarding Town of Litchfield signage.
  - The committee is still seeking a treasurer role (grantwriting a plus), a potential candidate in the pipeline.
9. Adjourn at 8:41PM Tara motions, Cleve seconds. All in favor.

*Next regular meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, March 25 at 7pm at the Bantam Annex.*

*Minutes recorded by Amanda Glover*