

**Town of Thomaston Economic Development Commission (EDC)**  
**Regular Meeting Agenda • August 11, 2025 • 7:00 PM**  
**Town Hall • 158 Main Street • Selectman's Conference Room, 4th Floor**

**1) CALL TO ORDER**

**2) APPROVAL AND/OR CORRECTION OF MINUTES:**

A. July 14, 2025 regular meeting

**3) OLD BUSINESS:**

A. EDC Budget review

B. Tax Incentive Applications

**4) NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Chamber Updates**

- (1) PowHERful Connections – Women's networking; Tuesday, August 12, 4:30-7:30pm. \$100 dinner & drink.
- (2) Member Appreciation Picnic – Wednesday, August 13, 5-7pm. Food, drinks, dessert, games & more.
- (3) **Startup Panel** – Thursday, August 14, 5-7pm. For aspiring entrepreneurs. Present your ideas to a panel of experienced professionals and gain the advice, insight and connections to get started!
- (4) PYVOT Board Night – young professionals; Thursday, August 14, 5:30-7:00pm. A unique networking event to connect local nonprofits with young professionals interested in board or committee service.
- (5) Morning Jolt – **networking** hour; Tuesday, August 19, 8:00am-9:00am.
- (6) PYVOT After Hours – young professionals networking; Thursday, August 28, 5:30-7:00pm. Healthtrax Fitness & Wellness, 842 Clark Avenue, Bristol. Tour, networking and a training session.
- (7) **BrewFest Weekend** – Friday & Saturday, September 5-6, 5pm-11pm. Muzzy Field, Muzzy Street, Bristol. Friday samples from top brewers; food trucks available. Saturday music festival headlined by The Dave Matthews **Tribute Band**, UNCAGED the authentic tribute to the Zac Brown Band, and more.
- (8) Morning Jolt – **networking** hour; Tuesday, September 16, 8:00am-9:00am.
- (9) **\$10K Reverse Raffle**; Thursday, September 18, 5:30-8:30pm. A chance to win \$10,000. Drawing will be September 18 at the Bristol Event Center. Attendance is not required to win.
- (10) Business After Hours – **networking**; Wednesday, September 24, 5-7pm; **Clocktown Brewing**, 135 South Main Street, Thomaston. Food & one drink ticket. Refreshments provided.

**B. CT Main Street**

- (1) Thomaston Main Street Assessment – review
- (2) Powering Up Main Street webinar; Thursday, August 14, 11am – 12pm
- (3) Spotlight on Main: Thomaston – September 4, 2025, 3-6pm; planning (tour guides)

**5) STAFF REPORT:**

A. EDC Liaison Report

(1) Update: 219 Elm Street

(2) Review of draft zoning regulations for smoke shops and short term rentals

B. Grant Opportunities

**6) SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:**

A. Business Relations

(1) Business Recognition event update

(2) Lunch & Learn update (website session, chamber information, etc.)

B. Downtown Development & Parking

C. Marketing & Promotion

(1) Website review

(2) EDC newsletter update (Business Recognition, 150<sup>th</sup> events, Greenway updates, Chamber happenings, CT Main Street events, New Businesses, Business Spotlight, etc.)

D. By-Laws

**7) ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

A. Thomaston Greenway Committee

B. 150th Anniversary Committee

**8) PUBLIC COMMENT**

**9) ADJOURNMENT**

**Respectfully submitted,**  
Lissa Jennings, EDC Chair