

**Town of Thomaston Economic Development Commission (EDC)**  
**Regular Meeting Agenda • October 6, 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. September 8, 2025 regular meeting

**3) OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. CT Main Street Assessment review

**4) NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Charter Oak State College; <https://www.charteroak.edu/ai-academy/>; free 5-week AI course
- B. POCD implementation (EDC related)
- C. Ward Leonard Named to the Manufacturing Hall of Fame

**D. Chamber Updates**

- (1) Reworld Facility Tour - Tuesday, October 7, 9:00-10:00am. Thermomechanical Treatment Facility, 170 Enterprise Drive, Bristol.
- (2) **Startup Panel** – Thursday, October 9, 5-7pm. For aspiring entrepreneurs. Present your ideas to a panel of experienced professionals and gain the advice, insight and connections to get started!
- (3) PowHERful Connections – Women's networking; Tuesday, October 14, 4:30-7:30pm. \$100 dinner/drink.
- (4) **Bowling Tournament** – Thursday, October 16, 4:30pm-8pm. Spare Time, 177 Farmington Avenue, Bristol. \$60 per person includes 3 games, food, drinks, great prizes and fun! Sponsorships available.
- (5) PYVOT Walk to end Alzheimer's – young professionals; Saturday, October 18, 9am-1pm. Rockwell Park, 63 Dutton Avenue, Bristol. Raise awareness and support for Alzheimer's care, support, and research.
- (6) Morning Jolt – **networking** hour; Tuesday, October 21, 8:00-9:00am.
- (7) Business After Hours – **networking**; Thursday, October 22, 5-7pm; **Doc Popcorn & Dippin Dots**, 2055 Meriden Road, Wolcott. Refreshments will be provided.
- (8) **Chamber Tune-up**; Tuesday, October 28, 8:30-9:30am. Chamber Executive Suites, 440 North Main Street, Bristol. Meet the Chamber team, learn how to get the most out of your membership, explore marketing opportunities, learn about upcoming events, and networking opportunity.
- (9) Chamber Holiday Party & Awards; Wednesday, December 10, 5pm-8pm; DoubleTree by Hilton, 42 Century Drive, Bristol.

**E. CT Main Street**

- (1) The Power of Place: Placemaking; October 8 from 8:00am–1:00pm. Shubert Theater: Elm City Cabaret, 247 College St. New Haven, members \$75

**5) STAFF REPORT:**

- A. EDC Liaison Report
- B. Grant Opportunities

**6) SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- A. Business Relations
  - (1) Business Recognition event
  - (2) Lunch & Learn opportunities (website session, chamber information, etc.)
- B. Downtown Development & Parking
- C. Marketing & Promotion
  - (1) Website review, postings
  - (2) EDC newsletter (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