Town of Thomaston Economic Development Commission (EDC) Regular Meeting Agenda • December 8, 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. November 10, 2025 regular meeting
- B. November 25, 2025 special meeting

3) OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Subcommittee members & goals
- B. POCD implementation (EDC related)
- C. CT Main Street Assessment review

4) NEW BUSINESS:

- A. 2026 Meeting schedule
- B. Business Recognition event ticketing; sponsors; video interviews, Citations, Plaques
- C. Restaurant Week sponsorship; promotion
- D. EDC Ordinance review

E. Chamber Updates

- (1) **Chamber Holiday Party & Awards**; Wednesday, December 10, 5pm-8pm; DoubleTree by Hilton, 42 Century Drive, Bristol.
- (2) **Start Using Al Today**: A Virtual ChatGPT and Google Gemini Review presented by Ray Pourmaleki. A **FREE** program to explore how small businesses and solopreneurs can implement Al into their workflows. **Attend at no cost with code: CCCC2026**
- (3) **Startup Panel**; Thursday, December 11; 5:00-7:00pm. Present your ideas to this panel of experienced professionals and gain the advice, insight and connections to get started.
- (4) Morning Jolt **networking**; Tuesday, December 16; 8am-9am. DoubleTree, 42 Century Drive, Bristol.
- (5) PYVOT After Hours young professionals **networking**; Thursday, December 18, 5:30-7:00pm. **Clocktown Brewing, 135 South Main Street, Thomaston**. Enjoy jukebox bingo and connecting with other young professionals.

F. CT Main Street and CBIA

(1) **2026 Spring Summit:** Building a Main Street Business Ecosystem; Thursday, March 12; 8:00am–1:00pm. Best practices, partnerships, and policy strategies that help local businesses flourish and keep downtowns vibrant. Location: TBD

5) STAFF REPORT & GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

6) SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Business Relations
 - (1) Lunch & Learn opportunities (website session, chamber information, etc.)
- B. Downtown Development (parking)
- C. Marketing & Promotion (was Video & Website)
 - (1) Website review, postings
 - (2) EDC newsletter (Business Recognition, events, New Businesses, Greenway, collaborations, etc.)

7) ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Thomaston Greenway Committee (Amanda, Mike S.)
- B. 150th Anniversary Committee (Amanda, Jeff)

8) PUBLIC COMMENT

9) ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Lissa Jennings, EDC Chair