

Town of Thomaston Economic Development Commission (EDC)
Regular Meeting Agenda • February 9, 2026 • 7:00 PM
Town Hall • 158 Main Street • Selectman's Conference Room, 4th Floor

1) CALL TO ORDER

2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- A. January 12, 2025 regular meeting

3) OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Subcommittee goals
- B. Budget review
- C. Summer event – Tour of Thomaston (tie to 250th Anniversary?)

4) NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Thomaston Parks & Recreation – expanding recreation
- B. Business Recognition debrief – what went well, what could be improved; backdrop
- C. Tax Incentive Applications - update
- D. Hybrid meetings
- E. Development news; Arts & Culture District
- F. Spring Job Fair; Wednesday, March 25; 3-6pm. Waterbury City Hall, 235 Grand Street, Veterans Hall, 2nd Floor, Waterbury

G. Chamber Updates

- (1) **Reverse Raffle:** now through Tuesday, March 31; 10am. Purchase tickets online or at the Chamber office. Chamber Office, 440 North Main Street, Bristol.
- (2) **What's Your Story?** Wednesday, February 11; 4:00-6:00pm. Unlock free press and earned media that puts your business on the map. \$10 for Chamber members.
- (3) **Morning Jolt – networking:** Tuesday, February 17; 8am-9am. Chamber Office, 440 North Main Street, Bristol.
- (4) **PYVOT After Hours – young professionals networking (ages 21-40):** Tuesday, February 17; 5:30pm-7pm. Timeout Sports & Pizza Bar, 42 Century Drive, Bristol.
- (5) **Everything Expo:** Saturday, February 21, 11:00am-5:00pm. – Chamber Business Expo, Health & Career Fair; DoubleTree by Hilton, 42 Century Drive, Bristol. Vendor spaces \$250; businesses do **not** have to be a Chamber member . Free to attend.
- (6) **Chamber Tune-up:** Tuesday, February 24, 8:30-9:30am; Chamber Office, 440 North Main Street, Bristol. Learn how to get the most out of your membership.
- (7) **Workforce Wednesday lunch & learn – Employment Law Update:** Wednesday, February 25, 11:30am-1:00pm; Chamber Office, 440 North Main Street, Bristol.
- (8) **Business Leaders Forum w/Secretary of State Thomas.** Wednesday, March 4; 8:30-9:30am. Topics include business fraud, human trafficking, and engaging with elected officials. Chamber Office, 440 North Main Street, Bristol. Refreshments; \$10.

H. CT Main Street

- (1) **CMSC Summit:** Building a Main Street Ecosystem; Thursday, March 12; 8am–1pm. \$100; In partnership with CBIA; best practices, partnerships, & policy strategies that help local businesses flourish & keep downtowns vibrant. Bushnell, 166 Capitol Avenue, Hartford.
- (2) State Roads - Main Street Working Group

5) STAFF REPORT

- A. Grant Opportunities
- B. EDC Ordinance update
- C. POCD implementation (EDC related)
- D. CT Main Street Assessment implementation

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 updates, postings
 - (2) EDC newsletter

7) ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Thomaston Greenway Committee
- B. 150th Anniversary Committee

8) ANNOUNCEMENTS/PUBLIC COMMENT

9) ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,
Lissa Jennings, EDC Chair