

**Town of Thomaston Economic Development Commission (EDC)
Regular Meeting Agenda • March 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. February 9, 2025 regular meeting

3) OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Subcommittee goals
- B. Hybrid meetings; change of meeting room
- C. Arts & Culture District
- D. Summer event – Tour of Thomaston (tie to 250th Anniversary?)

4) NEW BUSINESS:

- A. NVCOC contacts
- B. Naugatuck Valley Corridor Economic Development District Strategic Advisory Board (NVC EDD SAB). SWOT analysis, and Stakeholder meeting summary
- C. Solar workshop
- D. U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) CT District Office is launching “**Made in America Onshoring**” **Workshop Series:** Thursday, March 12th, 17th and 19th |10-11am | Virtual
- E. **Women's Small Business Breakfast & Panel Discussion,** Thursday, March 19th, 2026, 9am-11:30am, Town Hall Auditorium, West Hartford

5) STAFF REPORT

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

6) SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Business Relations

- (1) New barber shop; Senor Pancho’s grand reopening.
- (2) Lunch & Learn opportunities (website session, chamber information, etc.)

(3) Chamber Updates

- (a) **Reverse Raffle:** now through Tuesday, March 31; 10am. Purchase tickets online or at the Chamber office. Chamber Office, 440 North Main Street, Bristol.
- (b) **PYVOT Financial Workshop & Networking; young professionals (ages 21-40):** Thursday, March 12; 6:00pm-7:30pm. M&T Bank - Farmington, 32 Main Street, Farmington.
- (c) **Morning Jolt – networking:** Tuesday, March 17; 8am-9am. Chamber Office, 440 North Main Street, Bristol.
- (d) **Workforce lunch & learn – Employment Law Update:** Monday, March 23 (rescheduled from 2/25), 11:30am-1:00pm; Chamber Office, 440 North Main Street, Bristol.
- (e) **Workforce Wednesday lunch & learn – Onboarding:** Wednesday, March 25, 11:30am-1:00pm; Chamber Office, 440 North Main Street, Bristol.
- (f) **Business After Hours: networking.** Wednesday, March 25; 5-7pm. Olmsted Farmington Apartments, 80 Batterson Park Road, Farmington.
- (g) **PYVOT After Hours; young professionals (ages 21-40):** Thursday, March 26; 5:30pm-7:00pm. Black Rock Tavern, 78 Main Street, Thomaston.
- (h) **Chamber Tune-up:** Tuesday, March 31, 8:30-9:30am; Chamber Office, 440 North Main Street, Bristol. Learn how to get the most out of your membership.

- (i) **PYVOT 2nd Annual Board Night; young professionals (ages 21-40):** Wednesday, April 8; 5:30pm-7:00pm. Hartford's Camp Courant, 96 Batterson Park Road, Farmington. Connecting Emerging Leaders with Nonprofits; Hosted by PYVOT in partnership with Leadership Greater Hartford.
- (j) **Startup Panel:** Thursday, April 9, 5-7pm; Chamber Office, 440 North Main Street, Bristol. For aspiring entrepreneurs; present your ideas to a panel of experienced professionals and gain the advice, insight and connections to get off and running.

(4) CT Main Street

- (a) **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.
- (b) **Webinar:** Storytelling Tools for Stronger Main Street Engagement. March 26, 2026, 11am. Discover how Main Streets can use storytelling to spotlight hidden gems, strengthen small business engagement, and foster pride of place.
- (c) State Roads - Main Street Working Group

- B. Downtown Development (parking)
- C. Marketing & Promotion (was Video & Website)
 - (1) Website updates, postings
 - (2) EDC newsletter
- D. Bylaws

5) ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

6) ANNOUNCEMENTS/PUBLIC COMMENT

7) ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,
Lissa Jennings, EDC Chair