

Town of Thomaston Economic Development Commission (EDC)
Regular Meeting Agenda Hybrid and In-Person Monday May 11th, 2026 • 7:00 PM
Town Hall • 158 Main Street • Meeting Room 1, 4th Floor

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1) CALL TO ORDER

2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- A. April 13, 2026; regular meeting

3) OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Discussion with owner of the new Adult Daycare at 76 Watertown Road
- B. Tour of Thomaston summer event
- C. EDC budget review
- D. EDC bylaws
- E. Subcommittee Goals

4) NEW BUSINESS:

A. Ribbon Cuttings

- (1) Our Place on Main, 4 Main Street; Monday, May 11th at 2pm.
- (2) Lemon Tree Counseling Services, 10 Marine Street, Suite 5; Sunday, May 31 at 12:30pm.

5) STAFF REPORT

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

6) SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Business Relations

- (1) Lunch & Learn opportunities (CBIA presentation, town website, Chamber, etc.)

(2) Chamber Updates

- (a) **Leadership Program:** 6 sessions start Monday, May 18, 8am-noon. Chamber Office.
- (b) **Morning Jolt – networking:** Tuesday, May 19, 8:00am-9:00am. Chamber Office.
- (c) **Chamber Tune-up:** Tuesday, May 26, 8:30-9:30am, Chamber Office, 440 North Main Street, Bristol. Learn how to maximize your membership.
- (d) **Workforce Wednesday lunch & learn:** Sourcing for Talent/Effective Interviewing: Wednesday, May 27, 11:30am-1:00pm; Chamber Office, 440 North Main St., Bristol.
- (e) **PYVOT: Public Speaking Workshop; young professionals network (ages 21-40):** Tuesday, May 28; 5:30-7:30pm. The Bristol Bazaar, 67 Race Street, Bristol. \$10/25
- (f) **Chamber Annual Meeting:** Wed., June 3, 8am. All members invited; virtual meeting.
- (g) **Chamber Annual Dinner:** Wednesday, June 3, 5:00-9:00pm; Bristol Event Center, 112 Century Drive, Bristol; \$85
- (h) **Chamber State of the Region:** Wednesday, June 17, 7:30-10:00am; \$40

(3) CT Main Street

- (a) **Webinar: Zero Empty Spaces –** Thursday, May 21; 11am–12pm. Reimagining Vacancy as Creative Main Street Infrastructure; how vacant spaces can become assets.
- (b) **CMSC State of Main –** gathering dedicated to the vitality of our downtowns. Key findings, legislative panel, case studies, developer panel, networking and celebration. Tuesday, June 16; 8am–2pm. Warner Theatre, 68 Main St, Torrington. \$100

B. Downtown Development (parking)

C. Marketing & Promotion (was Video & Website)

- (1) Banner program

- (2) Façade Improvement program
- (3) Solar workshop
- (4) Arts & Culture District
- (5) UCONN Urban Agriculture project (also Land for Good)
- (6) Website updates
- (7) EDC newsletter (quarterly)

5) ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

6) ANNOUNCEMENTS/PUBLIC COMMENT

7) ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,
Lissa Jennings, EDC Chair