

Town of Thomaston Economic Development Commission (EDC)

Regular Meeting Agenda • July 13, 2026 • 7:00 PM

Town Hall • 158 Main Street • Selectman's Conference Room

1) CALL TO ORDER

2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- A. June 8, 2026; regular meeting

3) OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Tour of Thomaston summer event (update)
- B. Banner and Façade Improvement programs
- C. EDC 2026-2027 budget review
- D. Subcommittee Goals

4) NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Connecticut Main Street membership renewal
- B. Four Seasons Anniversary Celebration. Saturday, July 18th 12–4 PM featuring homemade pizza from their HearthStone oven, Clocktown Brewery's mobile bar, and special savings.
- C. Out for Business at the Railroad Museum of New England (Waterbury Chamber).
Wednesday, July 22nd from 5-7pm, \$25

5) STAFF REPORT

- A. Updates (P&Z actions, grant opportunities, POCD implementation, Sustainable CT)
- B. CT Main Street Assessment implementation

6) SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Business Relations

- (1) **CTSBDC Business Growth Accelerator Program**; 8 sessions; guidance and practical solutions for strategic and sustainable growth; **free**.

<https://ctsbdc.ecenterdirect.com/events/75341146>

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

(3) Chamber Updates

- (a) **PYVOT young professionals networking (ages 21-40)**: Wednesday, July 15; 5:30-7:00pm. VR simulators aviation experience. Interstate Aviation (Robertson Airport in partnership with HTX Helicopters), 62 Johnson Avenue, Plainville. \$25 members; \$40 non-members.
 - (b) **Morning Jolt: networking**: Tues., July 21, 8-9am. Chamber Office, 440 N. Main St., Bristol.
 - (c) **Employment Law Virtual Seminar**. Thursday, July 23, 11:30am-1:00pm; updates on employment laws effective October 1, 2026. \$20 members; \$35 others
 - (d) **Chamber Tune-up**: Tuesday, July 28, 8:30-9:30am, Chamber Office, 440 N. Main Street, Bristol. Learn how to get the most out of your membership.
 - (e) **Workforce Wednesday lunch & learn**: Performance Management. Wed., July 29, 11:30am-1:00pm; Chamber Office, 440 N. Main St., Bristol. \$15 members; \$30 others; lunch included
 - (f) **35th Annual Golf Tournament**: Monday, August 3, 10:30am-7:00pm; registration closes July 24. Tunxis Country Club, 87 Town Farm Road, Farmington; \$250 per player; \$50 dinner only.
 - (g) **Startup Panel**: Thursday, August 13, 5-7pm. Present your idea to a panel of experienced professionals to gain advice, insight & connections. Chamber office, 440 N. Main St., Bristol.
 - (h) **Lake Compounce discounted tickets**. Good any day until September 7; includes parking. \$35. **Tickets must be picked up at the Chamber office M-Th 9am-4pm or F 9am-noon.**
 - (4) **Waterbury Chamber Out for Business**. Wed., July 22, 2026, 5:00-7:00pm; [Railroad Museum of New England](#), 242 East Main St., Thomaston. Food by Not Just Blowin' Smoke food truck. \$25

(5) **CT Main Street**

- (a) **Webinar: Building Strong Downtowns & Strategic Planning.** Thursday, July 9; 11am–12:30pm. Creating and sustaining a thriving Main Street; **strategic plan framework.**
- (b) **Webinar: Creating the "Come Back" Downtown: Building Community Experiences.** How to create events that keep people coming back. Thursday, August 13; 11am–12:30pm.

B. Marketing & Promotion (was Video & Website)

- (1) Solar workshop – Energy Resources (business solar & energy improvements)
- (2) Arts & Culture District
- (3) UCONN Urban Agriculture project (Land for Good)
- (4) Website updates (ribbon cuttings, events, etc.)
- (5) EDC newsletter (quarterly)

C. Downtown Development (parking)

5) ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

6) ANNOUNCEMENTS/PUBLIC COMMENT

7) ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,
Lissa Jennings, EDC Chair