

Town of Thomaston Economic Development Commission (EDC)
Regular Meeting Agenda • August 10, 2026 • 7:00 PM
Town Hall • 158 Main Street • Selectman's Conference Room

1) CALL TO ORDER

2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- A. July 13, 2026; regular meeting

3) OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Tour of Thomaston event (update)
- B. Banner and Façade Improvement programs
- C. EDC 2025-2026 budget (final) and 2026-2027 budget review
- D. Subcommittee Goals

4) NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Alissa Monteleone EDC resignation
- B. CT Main Street Assessment – scheduled for August 26 at 1pm
- C. Thomaston Car Show to benefit the Police Explorers, Sept. 13 from 12pm-5pm
- D. Railroad Museum 30th Anniversary event, Sept. 25 from 10:30am – 1:30pm
- E. Business Recognition event (date TBD)

5) STAFF REPORT

- A. Updates (Historic District, UCONN/school project, P&Z actions, grant opportunities, POCD implementation, Sustainable CT)

6) SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Business Relations

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

(2) Chamber Updates

- (a) **PowHERful Connections (Women's networking series):** Tuesday, Aug. 11; 4:30-7:30pm. Workplace Negotiation. Max Pizza IV, 454 Middle Street, Bristol. \$150 includes dinner, drink.
- (b) **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.
- (c) **Morning Jolt: networking:** Tues., Aug. 18, 8-9am. Chamber Office, 440 N. Main St., Bristol.
- (d) **PYVOT young professionals networking (ages 21-40):** Wed., Aug. 19; 5:30-7:30pm. Wellness and Connections. Olmsted Farmington Apartments, 80 Batterson Park Road, Farmington. Free for members; \$10 non-members.
- (e) **Chamber Tune-up:** Tuesday, August 25, 8:30-9:30am, Chamber Office, 440 N. Main Street, Bristol. Learn how to get the most out of your membership.
- (f) **Workforce Wednesday lunch & learn:** Pay Transparency. Wed., Aug. 26, 11:30am-1:00pm; Chamber Office, 440 N. Main St., Bristol. \$15 members; \$30 others; lunch included
- (g) **Member Appreciation Picnic:** Wednesday, Aug. 26, 5:00-7:00pm. Food Trucks, Drinks, Dessert, Games, & More. Hartford's Camp Courant, 96 Batterson Park Road, Farmington.
- (h) **35th Annual Golf Tournament:** Monday, Aug. 31 (postponed from Aug. 3), 10:30am-7:00pm. Tunxis Country Club, 87 Town Farm Rd, Farmington. **Registration open through Aug. 24.** \$250 per player; \$50 dinner only.
- (i) **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.**
- (j) **2027 Legislative Agenda Roundtables:** Virtual; noon-1:00pm; discussions facilitated by Kozak & Salina to identify areas of focus for the next legislative session. Dates as follows:
 - Thursday, Sept. 10 Healthcare & Health Services/Nonprofits/Community Organizations
 - Tuesday, Sept. 15 Manufacturing/Construction/Real Estate/Trades
 - Wednesday, Sept. 16 Financial Services & Insurance/Business & Professional Services
 - Tuesday, Sept. 22 Retail/Restaurants/Hospitality

(3) **CT Main Street**

- (a) **Webinar: Creating the "Come Back" Downtown: Building Community Experiences.** Thursday, August 13; 11am–12:30pm. How to create community events that keep people coming back.
- (b) **Spotlight on Main: Bethel.** Thursday, September 10; 3pm–6pm. See how Bethel's historic downtown blends the old with the new, creating opportunities for small businesses and strengthening networks. Free.
- (c) **Economic Development Partners Summit.** Wednesday, Sept. 23; 10am–1pm. Mercantile Building, 5th Floor, 55 Main Street, Norwich. Join AdvanceCT, CMDA, and CMSC to learn how they can support your municipality's growth, business attraction, workforce initiatives, and community development. Free.

B. Marketing & Promotion

- (1) Solar workshop – Energy Resources (business solar & energy improvements)
- (2) Arts & Culture District
- (3) Website (ribbon cuttings, events, etc.) – Tour of Thomaston posting
- (4) 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