

**TOWN OF THOMASTON
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (EDC)
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES-DECEMBER 8, 2025**

PRESENT: Lissa Jennings, Chair; Sue Holway, Secretary; Mike Madow, Amanda Burch, Jeff Dunn, Matt Stancavage, Alissa Monteleone (7:40PM)

ABSENT: Mike Sweeney

ALSO PRESENT: Tony Adili, Land Use Administrator/EDC Liaison; Michael Ferreira, Representative “Its Restaurant Week”; Sara Walker, Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER: 7:01PM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

November 10, 2025, Regular Meeting

November 25, 2025, Special Meeting

MOTION made by M. Madow, Seconded by S. Holway to AMEND the Minutes of the November 10, 2025, Regular Meeting as follows: Change= (ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS: A. Thomaston Greenway Committee-Greenway portion of the Elm Street Project is on hold). And Revise PUBLIC COMMENT Jeff Jacques of Clay Street spoke about the Greenway and the recent vote and asked about Drawn Metal Tube Building. Motion passed with 2 Abstained (M. Stancavage, A. Burch)

MOTION made by M. Madow, Seconded by S. Holway AMEND the Minutes of November 25, 2025, Special Meeting. Change the word Plagues to Plaques. Motion passed with 2 Abstained (J. Dunn, M. Stancavage)

MOTION made by A. Burch, Seconded by J. Dunn to AMEND the Agenda to move (NEW BUSINESS: C. Restaurant Week) ahead of OLD BUSINESS. Motion passed unanimously.

Michael Ferreira of “It’s Restaurant Week”, itsrestaurantweek.com gave a presentation on Thomaston’s Restaurant Week, January 21st-31st 2026 and the Sip and Savor kickoff event on January 20th, 2026, at Clocktown Brewing Company.

Discussion Ensued.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Subcommittee Members and Goals: To be discussed in conjunction with Ordinance Review.
- B. POCD Implementation (EDC)-skip
- C. CT Main Street Assessment Review-skip

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. 2026 Meeting Schedule-

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MOTION made by A. Burch, Seconded by S. Holway to APPROVE the 2026 Regular Meeting Schedule as AMENDED. Motion passed unanimously.

Revised copy to be sent to Committee Members.

- B. Business Recognition Event- Discussion ensued.

MOTION made by J. Dunn, Seconded by A. Burch to APPROVE the \$50 fee payable to the Central Connecticut Chamber of Commerce for a Promotional Email blast promoting Sponsorship for the Thomaston EDC Business Recognition Event. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion of Video Interviews for The Business Recognition Event.

MOTION made by J. Dunn, Seconded by A. Monteleone to APPROVE the budget for Video Production not to Exceed \$1500.00 payable from last year's Business Recognition Event funds. Motion passed unanimously.

- C. Restaurant Week- Earlier this meeting
D. EDC Ordinance-Town and State ordinances discussed as well as Committee and Sub-Committee placements.

MOTION made by J. Dunn, Seconded by A. Burch to send a Proposal to the Board of Selectmen to add a Vice-Chair to the Economic Development Commission (EDC). Motion passed unanimously.

Sub-Committee Slates

Marketing and Promotion-Alissa Monteleone, Lissa Jennings, Sue Holway
Downtown Development-Jeff Dunn, Matt Stancavage, Sue Holway
Business Relations-Mike Madow, Mike Sweeney, Matt Stancavage, Lissa Jennings, Alissa Monteleone

Tax Incentives-Amanda Burch, Matt Stancavage, Mike Madow

Bi-Laws-Amanda Burch, Mike Sweeney

- E. Chamber Updates- Upcoming Chamber Events reviewed. A full list can be found at Central Connecticut Chambers of Commerce, centralctchambers.org
F. CT Main Street and CBIA-Spring Summit: Building a Main Street Business Ecosystem-Location TBD

Discussion of Chambers Membership and Sponsorship ensued.

MOTION made by J. Dunn, Seconded by A. Monteleone to APPROVE \$500 for Board Sponsorship of the Central Connecticut Chambers of Commerce. Motion passed unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS AND GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

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T. Adili reports:

Aaron Budris of NVCOG sent the application for Connecticut Recreational Trails Funding. Discussion ensued.

POCD Implementation-to be discussed at January Department Head Meeting.

Working on a Green Stormwater Grant with Rich Sileo and Glen Clark.

Whyco shutting down next week.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Business Relations-Commission reviewed questions to ask award recipients for video to be shown at the Business Recognition Event.
- B. Downtown Development-nothing new
- C. Marketing and Promotion-nothing new

ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Thomaston Greenway Committee-nothing new
- B. 150th Anniversary Committee-Still Meeting Monthly.

PUBLIC COMMENT-none

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION made by A. Burch, Seconded by A. Monteleone to ADJOURN the meeting at 9:04PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sara Walker
Recording Secretary