

Town of Thomaston Economic Development Commission (EDC)
Regular Meeting Minutes-January 12, 2026

Present: Lissa Jennings, Chair; Sue Holway, Secretary; Mike Madow, Amanda Burch, Alissa Monteleone, Mike Sweeney

Absent: Jeff Dunn, Matt Stancavage

Also Present: Tony Adili, Land Use Administrator/EDC Liaison; Michael Ferrera, “It’s Restaurant Week”; Sara Walker, Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER: 7:05PM

MOTION made by S.Holway, Seconded by A. Burch to MOVE Michael Ferrera and the It’s Restaurant Week update first on the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Ferrera states the Sip and Savor Kickoff Event for Thomaston Restaurant Week has sold over 100 tickets with sales continuing. He was present to film a short video to help kick off the event.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

December 8, 2025, Regular Meeting

MOTION made by A. Burch, Seconded by M. Madow to APPROVE the Minutes of the December 8, 2025, Regular Meeting as Presented. Motion passed with 1 Abstained (M. Sweeney)

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. 2026 Meeting Schedule handed out. Approved at December 8, 2025, Regular Meeting.
- B. Subcommittee goals: Discussion ensued

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Restaurant Week update earlier this meeting.
- B. Election of Officers:

MOTION made by A. Monteleone, Seconded by S. Holway to Nominate Lissa Jennings as Chair of Thomaston EDC. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION made by A. Burch, Seconded by M. Madow to Nominate Sue Holway as Secretary of Thomaston EDC. Motion passed unanimously.

- C. Budget Review: Discussion ensued.

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- D. Business Recognition: Due to water main break the new date is Tuesday, January 27th 5-7:00pm at Black Rock Tavern.
- E. Chamber Membership Renewal: \$300.

MOTION made by A. Burch, Seconded by S. Holway to REALLOCATE \$200 from Meetings and Functions to Association Dues and Fees and Permits to cover the \$300. Central Connecticut Chamber of Commerce Membership fee. Motion passed with 1 abstained (M. Sweeney)

- F. Summer Event: Tour of Thomaston event discussed.
- G. Chamber Information Session: Wednesday January 28, 2026 ;8-9am at the Chamber Office 440 North Main Street, Bristol. For Municipal Leaders & Economic Development members.
- H. Chamber Updates: Information on all Chamber Events is available at the Chambers website: centralctchambers.org
 - 1. Chamber Tune-Up- Tuesday January 27th 8:30-9:30am
 - 2. PowHERful Connections-Tuesday, February 10, 4:30-7:30pm.
 - 3. What's Your Story? Wednesday, February 11th 4-6:00pm.
 - 4. Startup Panel-Thursday February 12, 5-7:00pm.
 - 5. Everything Expo-Saturday February 21, 11:00am-5:00pm.
- I. CT Main Street and CBIA
2026 Spring Summit: Building a Main Street Business Ecosystem; Thursday, March 12 8:00am-1:00pm. Location: TBD

STAFF REPORT:

- A. Grant Opportunities-Nothing New
- B. EDC Ordinance Update- Awaiting Town Meeting for Vote on Vice Chair.
- C. POCD IMPLEMENTATION (EDC Related)-Commission was presented with a Town Wide responsibility for Implementation 2025-2035 packet. Reviewed by EDC.
- D. CT Main Street Assessment Implementation-brief discussion ensued

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Business Relations
 - 1. MyCTSavings (retirement plan for small businesses) Thursday, February 12, 1-2PM webinar register at <https://www.cedf.com/training/2026/02/12/do-you-offer-a-compliant-savings-plan/>
 - 2. Lunch and Learn-skip
- B. Downtown Development-skip
- C. Marketing and Promotion
 - 1. 250th Anniversary of U.S.-skip
 - 2. Website review-skip
 - 3. EDC Newsletter-skip

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

ANNOUNCEMENT/PUBLIC COMMENTS-none

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION made by A. Burch, Seconded by A. Monteleone to ADJOURN the Meeting at 8:17PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Walker
Recording Secretary