

Town of Thomaston Economic Development Commission (EDC)
Regular Meeting Minutes-February 9, 2026

Present: Lissa Jennings, Chair; Sue Holway, Secretary; Jeff Dunn, Amanda Burch, Mike Sweeney

Absent: Mike Madow, Matt Stancavage, Alissa Monteleone

Also Present: Tony Adili, Land Use Administrator/EDC Liaison; Rich Sileo, First Selectman; Sara Walker, Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00PM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

January 12, 2026, Regular Meeting

MOTION made by A. Burch, Seconded by M. Sweeney to APPROVE the Minutes of the January 12, 2026, Regular Meeting as Presented. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Subcommittee Goals: A. Burch asked that Bi-Laws be put on the agenda for next month for the commission to review.
- B. Budget Review: Discussion ensued.

MOTION made by M. Sweeney, Seconded by S. Holway to ACCEPT the 2026-2027 Budget Reallocations as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Summer Event: Tour of Thomaston- Discussion Ensued.
S. Holway, L. Jennings and J. Dunn to work on this event.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Thomaston Parks & Recreation-Future Recreational Development plan reviewed and discussed by EDC.
- B. Business Recognition Debrief: Discussion ensued.
- C. Tax Incentive Application Update for 82 South Main Street from Assessor's Office. Reviewed and discussed.
- D. Hybrid Meetings: Discussion ensued. Calendar to be reviewed for Meeting Room 1 availability
- E. Development News: Arts and Culture District-Discussion of creating district, to access potential grants. Discussion ensued.
- F. Spring Job Fair: Wednesday March 25 from 3 to 6PM at Veterans Hall at Waterbury City Hall, 235 Grand Street 2nd Floor.
- G. Chamber Updates: Information on all Chamber Events available at the Chambers Website: centralctchambers.org

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1. Reverse Raffle: Ongoing through Tuesday, March 31. Tickets available online or at the Chamber Office, 440 North Main Street, Bristol.
2. PYVOT After Hours - young professionals networking Tuesday, February 17th
3. Everything Expo-Saturday February 21, 11:00am-5:00pm.
4. Chamber Tune Up: Tuesday, February 24, 8:30-9:30AM
5. Workforce Wednesday Lunch and Learn: February 25, 11:30-1:00PM
6. Business Leaders Forum with Secretary of State Thomas. Wednesday, March 4th 8:30-9:30AM.

H. CT Main Street

1. CMSC Summit: Building a Main Street Business Ecosystem; Thursday, March 12 8:00am-1:00pm. Location: The Bushnell, 166 Capitol Avenue, Hartford.
2. State Roads-Main Street Working Group – L. Jennings joined.

STAFF REPORT:

- A. Grant Opportunities: Nothing available now. Waiting on CT Recreational Trails grant response.
- B. EDC Ordinance Update- Town Meeting for Vote on Vice Chair February 12th 7PM.
- C. POCD IMPLEMENTATION (EDC Related)-skip
- D. CT Main Street Assessment Implementation-skip

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Business Relations
 1. Lunch and Learn-skip
- B. Downtown Development-skip
- C. Marketing and Promotion
 1. Website review-skip
 2. EDC Newsletter-skip

ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

ANNOUNCEMENT/PUBLIC COMMENTS-

R. Sileo asked about the 250th and possibly coordinating with surrounding towns.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION made by A. Burch, Seconded by M. Sweeney ADJOURN the Meeting at 8:27PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sara Walker
Recording Secretary