

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

Present: Lissa Jennings, Chair; Sue Holway, Secretary; Jeff Dunn, Amanda Burch, Alissa Monteleone via phone

Absent: Matt Stancavage, Mike Sweeney

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

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00PM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

February 9, 2026, Regular Meeting

MOTION made by S. Holway, Seconded by A. Burch to APPROVE the Minutes of February 9, 2026, Regular Meeting as Presented. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Subcommittee Goals: A. Burch reports Bi-Laws are ready. L. Jennings asked her to send the document to T. Adili and keep on the agenda for next month for the commission to review.
- B. Hybrid Meetings- change of meeting room.

MOTION made by S. Holway, Seconded by J. Dunn to MOVE the EDC Meetings to Meeting Room 1 of Town Hall. Motion passed unanimously.

- C. Arts and Culture District-Nothing New
- D. Summer Event-Tour of Thomaston: July 4th through Labor Day. Discussion ensued. More information is coming soon.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. NVCOC contacts: SN Villalba is moving to Hartford, COG.
- B. Naugatuck Valley Corridor Economic Development District Strategic Advisory Board. Stakeholder Meeting. Discussion ensued.
- C. Solar Workshop-Discussion ensued. Keep on the agenda for next month.
- D. U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) CT District Office is launching "Made in America Onshoring" Virtual Workshop Series March 12,17 and 19th 10AM-11AM.
- E. Women's Small Business Breakfast and Panel Discussion, Thursday March 19th, 2026, 9-11:30 am Town Hall Auditorium, West Hartford.

STAFF REPORT:

A copy of T. Adili's February Report was reviewed and discussed by EDC members.

- A. Grant Opportunities: No update on CT Recreational Trails grant response.

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- B. POCD IMPLEMENTATION (EDC Related)-skip
- C. CT Main Street Assessment Implementation-skip

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Business Relations

- 1. New Barber Shop; Senor Pancho's Grand Opening-
Senor Pancho's Grand Opening March 21st and 28th.
New Barber Shop 76 Watertown Road in the former INurse space.
Adult Day Care opening at 76 Watertown Road in former Bentley space.
Tramonti Express opening in the former Chubbas space at 76 Watertown Road.

Discussion ensued.

The Commission expressed interest in having a monthly list of vacant properties; for the purpose of presenting and promoting those properties to potential buyers or renters.

2. Lunch and Learn-skip

3. Chamber Updates: 440 North Main Street, Bristol. Website:
centralctchambers.org

Reverse Raffle: ongoing through March 31st at 10am. Purchase tickets online or at the Chamber Offices.

Morning Jolt-networking: March 17th 8-9am at Chamber Offices.

Workforce Lunch and Learn: Employment Law Update Monday March 23rd 11:30am-1:00pm at Chamber Offices.

Workforce Wednesday Lunch and Learn- Onboarding: Wednesday, March 25 11:30-1:00pm at Chamber Offices.

Business After Hours-Networking: Wednesday March 25th 5-7pm Olmsted Farmington Apartments, 80 Batterson Park Road, Farmington.

PYVOT After Hours-young professionals: March 26th 5:30pm-7:00pm, Black Rock Tavern, Thomaston.

Chamber Tune-Up: March 31 *:30-9:30am, at Chamber Offices.

PYVOT 2nd Annual Board Night: April 8th, 5:30-7:00pm, Hartford's Camp Courant, 96 Batterson Park Road, Farmington.

Startup Panel: April 9th 5-7pm Chamber Offices.

4. CT Main Street

Storytelling Tools for Stronger Main Street Engagement: Webinar- March 26th 11am.

State Roads-Main Street Working Group

B. Downtown Development-nothing new

C. Marketing and Promotion-Discussed earlier, this meeting.

- 1. Website review-skip
- 2. EDC Newsletter-skip
- 3. Bylaws- Discussed earlier this meeting.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Thomaston Greenway Committee-Earth Day Cleanup April 11th.
- B. 150th Anniversary Committee-wrapping up 150th. Final events are to be announced.

ANNOUNCEMENT/PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Public Comment- Dan (no last name given) Prospective Member EDC, Member Democratic Town Committee introduced himself to the commission.

ADJOURNMENT:

**MOTION made by J. Dunn. Seconded by A. Burch, ADJOURN the Meeting at 8:27PM.
Motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Sara Walker
Recording Secretary