

**Town of Thomaston Economic Development Commission (EDC)
Regular Meeting Minutes-May 11, 2026**

Present: Lissa Jennings, Chair; Amanda Burch, Vice-Chair; Sue Holway, Secretary; Alissa Monteleone, Danial Osorio, Mike Sweeney via Zoom

Absent: Matt Stancavage, Jeff Dunn

Also Present: Tony Adili, Land Use Administrator/EDC Liaison; Sara Walker, Recording Secretary; Ingrid Kausyla, Tim Bobroski and Kyle Crusius

CALL TO ORDER: 7:01PM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

April 13, 2026, Regular Meeting

MOTION made by S. Holway, Seconded by A. Burch to APPROVE the Minutes of the April 13, 2026, Regular Meeting As Presented. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION made by A. Burch, Seconded by S. Holway MOVE Ingrid Kausyla of A Day to Remember Adult Day Care; up on the Agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Ingrid Kausyla spoke to the commission briefly about her soon-to-open business A Day to Remember Adult Day Care, 76 Watertown Road. She stated she would be interested in a ribbon cutting ceremony; however, she feels she has a few more weeks of work before the business is ready. Chair Jennings advised her to contact T. Adili in the Land Use Department when she is ready.

Chair Jennings noted Tim Bobroski in the audience and asked if he had business with the Commission today. T. Bobroski wished to speak to the commission about Affordable Housing. Chair Jennings then asked to entertain a motion to add Mr. Bobroski to the Agenda

MOTION made by A. Monteleone, Seconded by D. Osorio to ADD Tim Bobroski to the Agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Bobroski introduced himself to the Commission; indicating he and his wife own Thomaston Valley Village on Reynolds Bridge Road. He then spoke of 269-271 Reynolds Bridge Road, and his housing plans for those parcels. Indicating, he is looking for help and support from the Commission and the town at the WPCA Meeting Tuesday, May 19th. Discussion ensued. No action taken.

Vice Chair Burch noted Kyle Crusius in the audience. Chair Jennings asked if he had new information for the Commission. He affirmed.

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MOTION made by A. Burch, Seconded by D. Osorio to ADD Kyle Crusius to the Agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Crusius gave each Commissioner a rough business plan for the food truck program he is proposing for Thomaston as well as the laws governing such a program.

Discussion ensued. Mike Sweeney suggested exploring a Subcommittee, which could potentially make a generic recommendation to the Planning and Zoning Commission on softening the regulations.

The Commission Thanked Mr. Crusius for his presentation. Stating, they will look into the regulations with T. Adili, Land Use Administrator, and make their recommendations to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Discussion with owner of the new Adult Daycare at 76 Watertown Road. Earlier this meeting.
- B. Tour of Thomaston-Summer Event July 4th-Labor Day: S. Holway states the Subcommittee met prior to this meeting they are still contacting businesses, finalizing prizes, and budgeting as well as banners were discussed. Next Subcommittee Meeting May 19th.
- C. EDC Budget Review-brief discussion of banners and facades. No prices are available at this time.
- D. EDC Bylaws- Keep on for next month.
- E. Subcommittee Goals-skip

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Ribbon Cuttings
 - 1. Our Place on Main, 4 Main Street-Earlier.
 - 2. Lemon Tree Counseling Services, 10 Marine Street, Suite 5; May 31 at 12:30pm.

STAFF REPORT:

A copy of T. Adili's April Report was reviewed and discussed with EDC members.

- A. Grant Opportunities: The Greenway and Town of Thomaston were awarded micro grants. No word on Recreation Trails Grant.
- B. POCD Implementation (EDC Related): Next meeting May 19th in Derby.
- C. CT Main Street Assessment Implementation: skip
- D. Sustainable CT: skip

T. Adili mentioned that First Selectman Rich Sileo has brought to his attention the Board of Education would like to move their meetings to Town Hall to utilize the towns' new equipment in Meeting Room 1. Since they meet on the Second Monday of each month at

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7, which is the same time and day as EDC the First Selectman was looking to explore options to free up the room. Discussion ensued.

MOTION made by A. Burch, Seconded by S. Holway to AMEND the Agenda to ADD a Permanent CHANGE in meeting location; back to the Selectmen's Conference Room, keeping the same time and dates for the remainder of the year. This move is based on a recommendation by the First Selectman, however, eliminates the ability to broadcast virtually for the EDC. Motion passed unanimously.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Business Relations

1. Lunch and Learn opportunities - skip
2. *Chamber Updates*: 440 North Main Street, Bristol. Website: centralctchambers.org
Leadership Program-6 sessions start Monday, May 18, 8am-12pm
Morning Jolt-networking: Tuesday, May 19, 8-9am at Chamber Offices.
Chamber Tune-Up: Tuesday, May 26, 8:30-9:30am, at Chamber Offices.
PYVOT Public Speaking Workshop-young professional's network (21-40) Tuesday May 28th; 5:30-7:30 PM at The Bristol Bazaar, 67 Race Street
Workforce Wednesday: Lunch and Learn-Sourcing for Talent/Effective Interviewing: Wednesday, May 27, 11:30am-1:00pm; Chamber Offices.
Chamber Annual Meeting: Wednesday, June 3rd, 8am. Virtual
Chamber Annual Dinner: Wednesday, June 3rd, 5:00-9:00pm, at Bristol Event Center, 112 Century Drive, Bristol. They will be honoring a Thomaston Business at this event. \$65

MOTION made by A. Burch, Seconded by A. Monteleone to ALLOCATE funds not to Exceed \$680.00 for Members of the Economic Development Commission to attend the Annual Chamber Dinner. Motion passed unanimously.

3. CT Main Street:

- Webinar: Zero Empty Spaces-Thursday May 21st, 11am-12pm
- CMSC State of Main-gathering dedicated to the vitality of our downtowns. Tuesday, June 16th 8am-2pm. Warner Theater, Torrington \$100

B. Downtown Development and Parking: skip

C. Marketing and Promotion.

1. Banner Program-discussed earlier this meeting.
2. Facade Improvement Program-Discussion ensued. Prices are being sought.
3. Solar Workshops-skip

Chair Jennings mentioned Northwest Hills COG is hosting an Economic Development Summit Thursday May 28th at the Five Points Center in Torrington from 5-7pm.

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MOTION made by A. Monteleone, Seconded by A. Burch to ALLOCATE funds not to Exceed \$60 for members of the Economic Development Commission to attend the Economic Development Summit May 28th. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Arts and Culture District-skip
5. UNCONN Urban Agriculture Project (Land for Good)-skip
6. Website update- Chair Jennings expressed her desire to have Ribbon Cuttings posted on the Website.
7. EDC Newsletter-skip

ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Thomaston Greenway Committee-A. Burch reports the Committee is hosting a bike safety event with the Microgrant Funds.
- B. 150th Anniversary Committee-nothing new

ANNOUNCEMENT/PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION made by A. Monteleone, Seconded by A. Burch to ADJOURN the Meeting at 8:40PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sara Walker
Recording Secretary