

**Town of Thomaston Economic Development Commission (EDC)
Regular Meeting Minutes-June 8, 2026**

Present: Lissa Jennings, Chair; Amanda Burch, Vice-Chair; Sue Holway, Secretary(7:21PM); Matt Stancavage, Jeff Dunn (7:11PM)

Absent: Alissa Monteleone, Mike Sweeney

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

CALL TO ORDER: 7:03PM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

May 11, 2026, Regular Meeting

MOTION made by A. Burch, Seconded by D. Osorio to APPROVE the Minutes of the May 11, 2026, Regular Meeting As Presented. Motion passed with 1 abstained (M. Stancavage)

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Tour of Thomaston-Summer Event July 4th-Labor Day: 44 Business participating. Sample Card passed around. Return cards to either the Land Use Office or Thomaston Public Library. Being printed to pass out to businesses with stamps. Prizes discussed.
- B. EDC Budget Review- Discussion of remaining budget of \$2300.00
Printing Tour of Thomaston Card \$250. For 1000 cards.
L. Jennings reports she has pricing for more banners, as well as locations for them. 2 polls on Clay Street and 2 at Fire House do not have Brackets which are \$60 each. The Post Office also has 2 polls which are different, but they indicated they would be interested in Brackets and Banners. Sample Banner images were reviewed. Gear Toppers were priced at \$300. each.

J. Dunn asked about a Banner Management Plan if businesses are going to purchase Banners for advertising and display. Discussion ensued.

A. Burch reports she received a quote for 16-inch self-watering hanging flower baskets from Earth Planter. They come with a lifetime guarantee. For 6 planters it's \$1434.00. S. Holway asked if A. Burch spoke with Mary Beth of the Beautification Committee. Discussion ensued.

MOTION made by J. Dunn, Seconded by M. Stancavage to PURCHASE Banners, Toppers or Brackets not to Exceed \$1960.00 and to ADJUST the remaining Budget Line Items to reflect those expenses.

Further discussion of brightening up banner backgrounds, modifying fonts.

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Eliminating “Celebrate” and “Welcome”

Deciding to order 20 Banners total, 5 each of 4 styles. Ordering 10 in this fiscal year and 10 in the next fiscal year.

Motion passed unanimously.

C. Subcommittee Goals-EDC Bylaws- Updated to include Vice-Chair and meetings.

MOTION made by A. Burch, Seconded by S. Holway to ACCEPT the Bylaws of the Economic Development Commission as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Ribbon Cuttings

Vive Collision, 301 McMahan Drive, Thursday June 18, 2026, at 2PM, by Central Connecticut Chamber.

B. Banner Program: Earlier this meeting

C. Facade Improvement Program: Good opportunity to use Sponsorship Money. Check Planning and Zoning regulations on signs, brackets and awnings. Photos of Wallingford's program were viewed.

J. Dunn would like to see a unified program that includes the Beautification Committee. Discussion ensued. Further guidance to be sought from CT Main Street and NVCOG.

STAFF REPORT:

A copy of T. Adili’s May Report was reviewed and discussed with EDC members.

- A. Grant Opportunities: none
- B. POCD Implementation (EDC Related): Working on, list in packet.
- C. CT Main Street Assessment Implementation:
- D. Sustainable CT: skip

Discussion of recommended Zoning changes by the Connecticut Municipal Development Authority. Special Meeting Monday, June 15 at 5pm, Town Hall Meeting Room 1. Discussion ensued.

Community Meeting, July 29th there is a meeting for a Historic Designation

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Business Relations

- 1. Lunch and Learn opportunities - skip
- 2. *Chamber Updates*: 440 North Main Street, Bristol. For information and to register for all events go to centralctchambers.org
 - Morning Jolt: Tuesday, June 16, 8-9am at Chamber Offices.
 - Chamber State of the Region: Wednesday, June 17, 7:30-10:00am
 - Chamber Tune Up: Tuesday, June 23, 8:30-9:30am at Chamber Offices

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Workforce Wednesday: Employee Relations-Difficult conversations.
Wednesday, June 24, 11:30-1:00pm at Chamber Offices.
Business After Hours: Lake Compounce-Thursday June 25, 5-7pm
PYVOT: Thursday June 25, 5:30-7:30pm

- 3. CT Main Street:
 - a. CMSC State of Main: June 16, 8am –2pm at the Warner Theater \$100.
 - b. Webinar: Building Strong Downtowns; Thursday, July 9, 11am-12pm.

- B. Downtown Development and Parking: skip
- C. Marketing and Promotion.

- 1. Arts and Culture District-skip
- 2. UNCONN Urban Agriculture Project (Land for Good)-skip
- 3. Website update- skip
- 4. EDC Newsletter-skip

ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Thomaston Greenway Committee-Nothing new.
- B. 150th Anniversary Committee-Book has gone to print. A. Burch asked about the 150th parade video.

ANNOUNCEMENT/PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

**MOTION made by A. Burch, Seconded by J. Dunn to ADJOURN the Meeting at 8:58PM.
Motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Sara Walker
Recording Secretary