

Town of Thomaston Economic Development Commission (EDC)
Regular Meeting Minutes-July 13, 2026

Present: Lissa Jennings, Chair; Amanda Burch, Vice-Chair; Jeff Dunn, Danial Osorio

Absent: Alissa Monteleone, Mike Sweeney, Sue Holway, Matt Stancavage

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

CALL TO ORDER: 7:05PM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

June 8, 2026, Regular Meeting

MOTION made by A. Burch, Seconded by J. Dunn to AMEND the Minutes of the June 13, 2026, Regular Meeting to include Danial Osorio as present and add y to Secretary after Sue Holways name and to APPROVE the minutes as Amended. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Tour of Thomaston- Cards and stamps are out to businesses. Ends September 3rd. Drop Boxes are at the Land Use Office and the Library.
- B. Banner and Facade Improvement Programs -Four sample Banners were reviewed by commissioners. Discussion ensued.

J. Dunn asked if the font from sample 4 could be used on sample 1.

MOTION made by A. Burch, Seconded by D. Osorio to APPROVE the Design of Banner #1 As Presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Chair Jennings said she will have a mockup of each of the four slogans made. Listed below.

Slogan 1- Honoring Our History

Slogan 2-Dinning Destination

Slogan 3-Time Well Spent

Slogan 4-Enjoy Time Here

Smaller Sponsor Banners hanging under Banners were brought up. Discussion ensued.

J. Dunn asked how many Banners were being ordered; Chair Jennings answered 12.

J. Dunn then asked how many poles there are total. Chair Jennings responded:

5 at Kenea Park

5 at Seth Thomas Park

4 in front of the library

4 in front of Town Hall

Town of Thomaston Economic Development Commission (EDC)
Regular Meeting Minutes-July 13, 2026

2 on Clay Street
2 in Front of Fire House
2 in Front of the Post Office

J. Dunn asked about advertising banners. Discussion ensued. Keep on the agenda for August.

- C. EDC Budget Review-T. Adili reports the budget went over last month, due to an expense that had not gone through from the previous month. Putting EDC over budget. Chair Jennings asked for a detailed list of all expenses.

Chair Jennings shared that Finance Director Tracy Decker was concerned that there is nothing on record stating that Sponsorship Funds for anything EDC related. T. Adili reports he looked through the minutes and didn't find anything.

MOTION made by J. Dunn, Seconded by A. Burch to CHANGE the Capital Account from Business Recognition Account to Economic Development Events Marketing and Programs Account. Motion passed unanimously.

The original Motion was located within the Minutes of the November 11, 2025, Regular Meeting which read as follows:

"MOTION made by J. Dunn, Seconded by M. Madow to direct ALL REMAINING PROCEEDS from the (EDC) Business Recognition Event Will Fund Economic Development Initiatives. Motion passed unanimously."

MOTION made by J. Dunn, Seconded by A. Burch to AMEND his previous Motion to read to direct ALL REMAINING PROCEEDS from the (EDC) Business Recognition Event Account to Fund Economic Development Initiatives Account as indicated in the November 11, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

D. Subcommittee Goals-Skip

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Connecticut Main Street Membership Renewal-Chair Jennings reports membership remains the same at \$500.

MOTION made by J. Dunn, Seconded by D. Osorio to APPROVE the (\$500) Five-Hundred-Dollar Membership Renewal Fee to Connecticut Main Street. Motion passed unanimously.

- B. Four Season's 20th Anniversary Celebration: At their Fire and Hearth Store on Saturday July 18, 12-4pm. Featuring pizza from their own Hearthstone Oven, Clocktown Brewery's mobile bar and Special Savings.

Town of Thomaston Economic Development Commission (EDC)
Regular Meeting Minutes-July 13, 2026

- C. Out for Business at the Railroad Museum of New England, Wednesday, July 22 from 5-7pm. \$25 through the Waterbury Chamber of Commerce.

STAFF REPORT: T. Adili provided commissioners with a copy of his June EDC Report for their review.

- A. Updates (P & Z actions, grant opportunities, POCD Implementation, Sustainable CT)

Food Truck Amendments Approved.

Connecticut Municipal Development Authority's Downtown Regulation changes passed.

Working on ADU regulations. Will be on the agenda for September 2, 2026, Regular Meeting.

New Deli coming to the former Mona Lisa space; former Tramonti's space has also been leased will be The Coop.

- B. CT Main Street Assessment Implementation-Discussion ensued.

Discussion of Sustainable CT certification. Bronze certification May 2024, up in December 2027.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Business Relations bdc.ecenterdirect.com/events/75341146

1. CTSBDC Business Growth Accelerator Program; 8 sessions-guidance and practical solutions for Strategic sustainable growth. Free

<http://ctsbdccenterdirect.com/events/75341146>

2. Lunch and Learn opportunities - skip

3. Chamber *Updates*: 440 North Main Street, Bristol. For information and to register for all events go to centralctchambers.org

Morning Jolt: Tuesday, July 21st 8-9am, Chamber Office.

Employment Law-Virtual Seminar, Thursday, July 23, 11:30-1:00pm.

Updates on employment law going into effect October 1, 2026. \$20 members, \$35 others

Chamber Tune-Up-Tuesday, July 28, 8:30-9:30am, Chamber Office

Workforce Wednesday-lunch and learn, Performance Management.

Wednesday, July 29, 11:30am to 1pm Chamber Office \$15 members, \$30 others. Lunch included.

35th Annual Golf Tournament-Monday, August 3rd, 10:30-7pm. Registration closes July 24th.

StartUp Panel-Thursday, August 13, 5-7pm. Chamber Office.

Lake Compounce-Discounted Tickets. Good any day until September 7th.

Includes parking, \$35. Pick up at Chamber Office.

4. Waterbury Chamber Out for Business: Wednesday, July 22, 5-7pm at the Railroad Museum of New England. \$25, food by Not Just Blowin' Smoke food truck.

Town of Thomaston Economic Development Commission (EDC)
Regular Meeting Minutes-July 13, 2026

5. CT Main Street:

a. Webinar: Chair Jennings recommends viewing the recorded version of "Building Strong Downtown and Strategic Planning" Once posted from the July 9th event.

b. Webinar: Creating the "Come Back" Downtown: Building Community Experiences. How to create events that keep people coming back. Thursday, August 13, 11am-12:30pm.

B. Marketing and Promotion.

1. Solar Workshop-Energy Resources. No information yet.
2. Arts and Culture District-skip
3. UNCONN Urban Agriculture Project (Land for Good)-skip
4. Website update- skip
5. EDC Newsletter-skip

C. Downtown Development (Parking):

ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Thomaston Greenway Committee: A \$4,400 DOT Microgrant check was received. A lottery process is being developed and will include a bike and helmet after completion of a bicycle safety course. More information forthcoming.
- B. 150th Anniversary Committee- 150th Anniversary Book is here. Distribution to begin.

ANNOUNCEMENT/PUBLIC COMMENTS: No public comment.

Jeff Dunn announces a Taylor Swift Tribute Show "Cruel Summer" September 11th at the Opera House.

He also announces he has applied to the American Association of Theaters, to host AACT Fest 2029. Discussion ensued.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION made by A. Burch, Seconded by J. Dunn to ADJOURN the Meeting at 8:33PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sara Walker
Recording Secretary