



Thomaston Greenway Committee

Meeting Minutes

Date: February 12, 2026

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Thomaston Town Hall – Meeting Room One

Attendance

Members Present:

Amanda Burch (Chair), Patrick Quinn (Treasurer), Lori Stevens, Cassie Gorman (Secretary), Michael Sweeney, Kelly Quinn (joined by phone)

Members Absent:

Erin Boccardi, Hillary Combs

Guest:

Tony Adili – Land Use Officer, Town of Thomaston

Call to Order

Chair Amanda Burch called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Michael Sweeney and seconded by Patrick Quinn to approve the December 2025 meeting minutes as presented.

The motion carried unanimously. Michael Sweeney abstained.

Grant Updates

NVCOG / DEEP Recreational Trails Grant

Tony Adili submitted the Committee's application for the Recreational Trails Grant in December. This is the same grant program through which the Committee was previously awarded \$150,000. Notification of the award is expected in April or May 2026.

At a Special Town Meeting held on Wednesday, February 11, 2026, the Town voted to appropriate an additional \$170,500 to pay Tighe & Bond for the redesign of the Elm Street Project, following the removal of the Greenway section from the project.

Endorsement Letters

The following committees are expected to provide letters of support:

- Beautification Committee
- Seth Thomas Park Revitalization Committee

Additional letters may be forthcoming.

Easement & Tax Abatement Program

This remains a standing agenda item.

Site Walk Coordination

The Committee discussed establishing contact with the Waterbury Greenway to coordinate a joint site walk this spring.

Poster Board & Event Materials

Discussion tabled.

Merchandise Update

Merchandise has been picked up and will be brought to the next meeting.

Hybrid Meeting Discussion

Town Hall is now equipped to host hybrid meetings.

Cassie Gorman made a motion to table further discussion regarding hybrid meetings. The motion was seconded by Lori Stevens and carried unanimously.

NVCOG Micro-Grant Opportunity

Tony Adili reported that, at the quarterly NVCOG meeting, discussion was held regarding micro-grants for items such as bike helmets, bike locks, bicycle fleets, and pedestrian safety education initiatives.

The Committee agreed to pursue this grant opportunity, as participation may position the Committee for additional future funding opportunities.

Other Business

Earth Day is April 22, 2026. The Committee will add planning for an Earth Day cleanup to the next meeting agenda.

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cassie Gorman
Secretary, Thomaston Greenway Committee