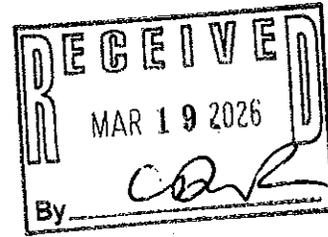


Thomaston Greenway Committee

Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, March 12, 2026 - 7:00 PM

Thomaston Town Hall – Meeting Room One



**Attendance**

**Members Present:**

Amanda Burch (Chair), Erin Boccardi (Vice Chair), Hillary Combs, Cassie Gorman (Secretary), Kelly Quinn, Lori Stevens

**Members Absent:**

Patrick Quinn (Treasurer), Michael Sweeney

**Call to Order:**

Chair Amanda Burch called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM.

**Approval of minutes**

A motion was made by Lori Stevens to accept the February 2026 meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Kelly Quinn. The motion carried unanimously. Hillary and Erin abstained.

**Grant Updates**

The Committee reported that no update has been received yet regarding the Recreational Trails grant application submitted in November. Based on prior experience, responses are typically received in April or May.

**CT DOT Micro Grant**

Discussion was held regarding the CT DOT Micro Grant opportunity, with a maximum award of \$5,000. Eligibility requirements and allowable purchases were reviewed, including items such as helmets, locks, repair kits, safety equipment, and bicycle-related materials.

The Committee discussed potential uses of funds, including:

- Providing bicycles and helmets to local youth through a raffle program
- Establishing a community bike-sharing or sign-out program at a central location

Application was completed and sent in.

### **Endorsement Letters**

Committee members were reminded to continue submitting endorsement letters in support of Greenway initiatives.

### **Easement Tax/Abatement Program**

No updates at this time. Item will remain on the agenda for ongoing discussion.

### **Site Walk**

Discussion included coordination with neighboring municipalities, including Waterbury and Cheshire, for future site visits and collaboration.

### **Poster Board Design / Outreach Materials**

The Committee discussed current outreach and marketing efforts. Given recent setbacks, there was general consensus to proceed cautiously with public-facing materials while continuing internal planning and preparation.

The upcoming Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) was discussed, noting that the Greenway remains identified as a priority project for economic development, community wellness, and regional connectivity.

### **Merchandise Update**

Merchandise items have been received from Robot Branding and paid for by Committee Members; however, additional purchases (such as t-shirts) are being deferred at this time.

### **Other**

#### **Earth Day Event:**

- Scheduled for April 11, 2026
- Time: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
- Volunteers are being coordinated
- The Committee agreed to proceed without a formal rain date

Discussion included event planning, potential giveaways, and cleanup efforts along designated areas.

### **Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by Erin Boccardi and seconded by Kelly Quinn. The meeting adjourned at 8:16 PM.

**Respectfully submitted,**  
Cassie Gorman