

Thomaston Greenway Committee

July Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, July 9, 2026 @ 7:00 PM

Location: Thomaston Town Hall – Meeting Room One

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By: *Amanda Daddona*
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Attendance

Members Present: Amanda Burch (Chair), Erin Boccardi (Vice Chair), Cassie Gorman (Secretary), Kelly Quinn, Patrick Quinn (Treasurer), Michael Sweeney

Members Absent: Lori Stevens

Guest: Jim Forker

Call to Order

Chair Amanda Burch called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Patrick Quinn to accept the March 2026 meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Erin Boccardi. Vote: Motion carried unanimously; Michael Sweeney abstained.

Grant Updates

- CT DOT Micro Grant
 - Committee was awarded \$4,300 for a youth bicycle safety initiative.
 - Funds not yet received as of the meeting; committee expects disbursement shortly.
 - Project timeline in grant indicates completion by October; an extension to November may be requested if needed.
 - Discussion Ensued:
 - Event concept: Safety course using cones and chalked paths; involve local PD and EMS.
 - Explore Guardian Bikes for bulk pricing/discount.. Also consider needs for adaptive bikes if applicable.
 - Potential coordination with town award (applied by Thomaston Land Use)
- Additional Grants / Funding Context
 - Prior \$450,000 town bond is in town accounts; debt service begins in August 2026.
 - Awaiting a potential CT Recreational Trails grant
 - Amanda will attend BOS meeting to request a waiver of the three-bid policy to negotiate services with BL Companies, previously vetted by NVCOG.

Endorsement Letters

- Ongoing collection of greenway endorsement letters continues.

Easement Tax / Abatement Program

- Placed on hold for now; will remain on agenda for future consideration.

Site Walk / External Events

- Friends of the Waterbury Greenway "Summer Family Fun Day on the Greenway"

Merchandise Update

- No update; remove from agenda.

Other Business

- EDC "Tour of Thomaston" passport program (July 4–September 3):
- Friends of the Greenway administrative status:
- Elm Street current context recap

Action Items

- Amanda:
 - Confirm CT DOT micro-grant disbursement.
 - Draft event concept (safety, course layout, PD/EMS involvement).
 - Contact NVCOG about event and item flexibility.
 - Prepare for BOS meeting.
- Cassie:
 - Draft application/lottery process.
 - Contact EMS/PD to ask about participating and potential dates/locations.
- Mike
 - Contact Guardian about bikes
- Kelly/Erin:
 - Identify volunteers for assembly day.
 - Scout event venues.
- All:
 - Attend Waterbury Greenway event if available.
 - Participate in EDC Tour of Thomaston to support local engagement.

Adjournment

- A motion to adjourn was made by Michael Sweeney and seconded by Patrick Quinn. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Cassie Gorman, Secretary