

ENFIELD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 7, 2026 – 5:30 PM
ENFIELD TOWN HALL – SCITICO ROOM
820 ENFIELD STREET - ENFIELD, CT

A. Call to Order

Chair Turner called the meeting to order at 5:36pm.

B. Roll Call

Present were Mary Ann Turner, Marilynn Cressotti, Virginia Higley, Maya Nicole Matthews, Richard Stroiney, Linda DeGray and Steven Ragnauth. Also present was Director of Economic and Community Development; Aaron Marcavitch and Recording Secretary; Rebecca Jones.

C. Approval of Minutes – December 11, 2025

Motion to approve the December 11, 2025 meeting minutes as amended made by Commissioner Davis; seconded by Commissioner Cressotti and approved by a show-of-hands vote of 3-0-4. Commissioners Matthews, Higley, Stroiney & DeGray abstained due to absence.

D. Report from Economic & Community Development Office

a. Business Roundtable

The new date for the Business Roundtable is February 5, 2026. The topics will include community initiatives including Thompsonville Revitalization and Funding; America 250 Celebration and the Enfield Connects Coalition.

b. Grants/RFPs

The Office of Economic and Community Development has submitted multiple grants in support of the Town. This has included a request for funding for the Enfield Annex, funding for the Barnes Boat Launch and for the riverfront trail in Thompsonville.

c. New Businesses & Developments

Mr. Marcavitch shared updates about the state's involvement in the Thompsonville revitalization and train station project. He noted that the Mass Mutual redevelopment project has moved through permitting and is working on financing.

E. Liaison Reports

a. Town Council

Commissioner Matthews had nothing significant to report.

b. Planning and Zoning

Commissioner DeGray had nothing significant to report.

c. Conservation Commission

Commissioner Pfeifer-Hall, who is the Agricultural Commission and Conservation Commission liaison, was absent therefore, no report was shared.

d. Agriculture Commission

None.

F. Old Business

a. Development of a Restaurant Week

Mr. Marcavitch explained that he has employed the assistance of ChatGPT in generating a draft statement introducing Restaurant Week to the public. The commissioners reviewed information related to the initiative. The commissioners agreed to hold a special meeting on January 15, 2026 to discuss this in further detail.

Commissioner Matthews left the meeting at 6:16pm.

b. Development of a Small Business Passport

Chair Turner explained a concept used by the Town of East Granby to promote small businesses. Residents can pick up a 'passport' and have it stamped when frequenting participating businesses. The program would run over the course of a few months and participants can be eligible for a prize and/or gift certificate at the end. The commissioners discussed different scenarios and stipulations related to the program.

G. Items for Discussion

a. Annual Report

Mr. Marcavitch discussed a proposed annual report to be made to Town Council. This would provide a chance for the Commission to share the work they have done and allow collaboration with Town Council.

b. Joint Meeting with Town Council

The commissioners also discussed a joint meeting with Town Council to allow time to collaborate on a variety of projects.

Commissioner Cressotti left the meeting at 6:52pm.

H. New Business

a. Election of Vice Chairman (Bylaws Section 4.1)

Motion to appoint Richard Stroiney as Vice Chair of the Economic Development Commission made by Chair Turner; seconded by Commissioner Higley and approved unanimously.

Motion to appoint Mary Ann Tuner as Chair of the Economic Development Commissioner made by Commissioner Stroiney; seconded by Commissioner Higley and approved unanimously.

b. Bylaws Revisions – meeting dates (Bylaws Section 3.7)

Mr. Marcavitch and Chair Turner discussed the current bylaws in relation to appointed members and meeting dates. Chair Turner requested that staff review this further before discussing with the Commission.

I. Public Comment

None.

J. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Stroiney; seconded by Commissioner DeGray and approved by a unanimous show-of-hands vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM.

Prepared by: Rebecca Jones