

ENFIELD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
DRAFT MINUTES
WEDNESDAY MARCH 4, 2026 – 5:30 PM
ENFIELD TOWN HALL – THOMPSONVILLE ROOM
820 ENFIELD STREET - ENFIELD, CT

A. Call to Order

Chair Turner called the meeting to order at 5:38pm.

B. Roll Call

Present were Mary Ann Turner, Linda DeGray, Virginia Higley, Gretchen Pfeifer-Hall (arrived at 6:00pm), Steven Ragnauth, Maya Nicole Matthews (arrived at 5:45 pm) and Richard Stroiney. Also present was Director of Economic and Community Development; Aaron Marcavitch and Recording Secretary; Rebecca Jones.

Marilynn Cressotti was present as a member of the public.

C. Approval of Minutes – February, 4, 2026

Motion to approve the February 4, 2026 meeting minutes made by Commissioner DeGray; seconded by Commissioner Stroiney and approved by a show-of-hands vote of 4-0-1. Commissioner Higley abstained.

D. Report from Economic & Community Development Office

a. Project Updates

Staff will be attending a Connecticut Main Street Program, focusing on small businesses as an ecosystem. There is a full slate of America 250 events for the year and banners will be placed throughout town.

b. Grants/RFPs

Economic Development staff submitted a “BUILD” grant to the U.S. Department of Transportation for planning related to Elm Street and how to ease traffic to make it safer for all. There is an RFP open for Real Estate Services that closes on April 1, 2026.

c. New Business & Developments

Staff visited Aerobond and met with the leadership about their investment in Enfield. Mr. Marcavitch will be meeting with Phoenix Manufacturing on March 25, 2026. Staff met with potential buyers for 132 Weymouth Road, the former Porter and Chester location, to address the long-standing blight problem.

E. Liaison Reports

a. Town Council

Commissioner Matthews had no report.

b. Planning & Zoning

Commissioner DeGray had no report.

c. Conservation Commission

Commissioner Pfeifer-Hall stated that the February meeting was cancelled due to weather and therefore, had nothing to report.

d. Agriculture Commission

Commissioner Pfeifer-Hall had no report.

F. Old Business

a. Bylaw Revisions/Ordinance Revisions (quorum clarification)

The Town Attorney is reviewing this Commission's bylaws regarding quorum numbers for nine-member versus six-member setup, postponing modification until clarification.

b. Development of a Restaurant Week

The commissioners reviewed the application materials and discussed the registration fee. There were discussions surrounding a reduced fee should smaller businesses have difficulty affording the cost. The Health Department has agreed to review the list of participants to ensure compliance. Mr. Marcavitch would like to present this to Town Council in early April.

Mr. Marcavitch shared an update related to the passports for the small business program. The passport printing and related costs would be covered by CCM. The commissioners discussed allowing restaurants into the program. The commissioners were requested to prepare a list of ten local businesses that could be interested in participating and present it at the next meeting. Discussion ensued regarding collection of the completed passports, with proposed drop-off locations including the Senior Center, the Enfield Public Library and Town Hall. Mr. Marcavitch would like this to be reviewed by Town Council by early May.

G. Items for Discussion

a. Annual Report

b. Joint Meeting with Town Council

These are on the agenda as placeholders and will be addressed at a future meeting.

H. New Business

None.

I. Public Comment

None.

J. Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55pm.

Prepared by: Rebecca Jones