



# Economic Development Newsletter

THOMASTON, CONNECTICUT

*“Live, Work and Play in a Town for All Time”*

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## **The EDC welcomes the following new businesses to town!**

Milestone Pizza – 62 East Main Street

*Know of any new businesses that we may have missed? Contact the EDC to request to be added.*

### **Local Business Recognition Event – April 1, 2019**

The EDC has created a program to recognize businesses or business owners that are thriving and have a positive impact on the community. The first award was presented to recognize DLM Services LLC, and its owners, Darryl and Lucille Maslak, for the improvements to the 76 Professional Plaza as well as improvements to other properties and for bringing new businesses into Thomaston. The event was held on April 1, 2019 at Ciao! Restaurant at 76 Watertown Road. Ideas or nominations from business owners or residents for future awards are welcome to be submitted to the EDC. For more details or to nominate a future recipient, visit the EDC webpage or contact Thomaston Town Hall at 860-283-8411.



Pictured (Left to Right): Ed Mone - Thomaston First Selectman, Darryl Maslak, Lucille Maslak, Jeff Dunn – EDC Chairman



U.S. Small Business  
Administration

### **The U.S. Small Business Administration**

The assistance of the U.S. Small Business Administration is available to all businesses in the Town of Thomaston.

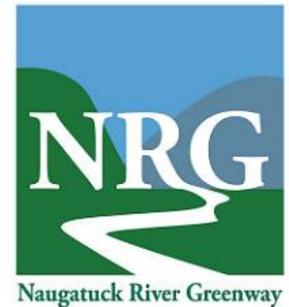
Since its founding on July 30, 1953, the U.S. Small Business Administration has delivered millions of loans, loan guarantees, contracts, counseling sessions and other forms of assistance to small businesses. The EDC met with a representative from SBA's Connecticut District Office at the March 11, 2019 EDC meeting to learn more about programs offered for local businesses. The SBA and will be holding training and education sessions for Thomaston businesses in the near future. Further information on these sessions, when scheduled, will be on the EDC web page on the Town website and in a future issue of this newsletter. You can visit <https://www.sba.gov/> for more information on programs.

### **Town Center/Downtown Development District Planning**

To implement recommendations of the 2017 Town Center Plan, the Thomaston Town Center Plan Committee held informational and open forum sessions on the proposed boundary changes to the Downtown Development District on February 13 and April 10, 2019. The Committee will be forwarding recommendations to the Planning and Zoning Commission for future downtown district boundary changes.

## Planning Continues for the Naugatuck Valley Greenway

The Naugatuck River Greenway is a planned 44-mile multipurpose trail following the Naugatuck River from Torrington to Derby. When complete, the Greenway will link 11 municipalities, reclaim the Naugatuck River for recreation, provide an alternate mode of transportation, drive tourism and economic development, and improve the quality of life for residents. A section to be built in Thomaston is in the final planning stages. For more information on the entire greenway or the planned work and future informational presentations on the Thomaston section, see the NVCOG website at <http://www.nvcogct.org/content/projectsstudies>.



## Redevelopment Project – Old Plume and Atwood Site and East Main Street Bridge

The Town of Thomaston is in the process of selecting an engineering consultant to perform environmental analysis and conduct planning studies to move forward on redevelopment of the old Plume and Atwood Manufacturing site on East Main Street. A \$60,000 grant was provided to the Town from CT DECD for the project, and is being administered by the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments with assistance from Town staff. Further information on the project can be found at <https://nvcogct.org/content/active-projects> or through the Thomaston Land Use Office.

## Open Seat on the Thomaston EDC

The Thomaston Economic Development Commission currently has a vacancy for a member to join the team. Interested individuals should be a Thomaston resident with a passion for Thomaston's economic health and growth. Interested volunteers may inquire with the First Selectman's office at (860) 283-4421 or directly to the Commission at a regular monthly meeting. The Commission meets on the second Monday of each month, 7:00 PM, in the Selectman's Conference Room in Town Hall.

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*Did you know?:* The EDC maintains an updated list of commercial/industrial properties available for lease or purchase in town. See the EDC webpage at <http://www.thomastonct.org/content/163/246/366/default.aspx>

The State of Connecticut has updated their Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) website and created a new website for prospective businesses. Visit <https://portal.ct.gov/DECD> and <https://portal.ct.gov/ChooseCT/> for more information.

Further information on business assistance programs can be found on the Town of Thomaston Website at [www.thomastonct.org](http://www.thomastonct.org). Please visit the [Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development](https://portal.ct.gov/ChooseCT/) website for additional state programs.

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**Thank you for reading!** To see past issues of this newsletter, visit [www.thomastonct.org](http://www.thomastonct.org). To submit ideas or comments, contact the EDC at the address below. The EDC also conducts open public meetings on the second Monday of each month, 7:00 PM in the Selectman's Conference Room, 4<sup>th</sup> Level, Thomaston Town Hall, 158 Main Street. This quarterly electronic newsletter will be sent via email and posted on the Town website. For questions/comments or to opt-out, contact:

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