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Midcoast Council of Governments to Facilitate Thomaston Green Workshops

The Town of Thomaston is holding public workshops facilitated by Mathew Eddy, Executive Director of Midcoast Council of Governments (MCOG), on Thursday, September 15th, Thursday, September 29th, and Wednesday, October 26th. All workshops are to be held in the Lura Libby Room at the Thomaston Municipal Building, 13 Valley Street, at 5 p.m.

The outlined process as presented by MCOG provides a neutral setting for community participants to present as many different perspectives of the Thomaston Green as possible. The first workshop on September 15th includes a history of the Thomaston Green, a SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats) analysis, and a prioritizing exercise. The second workshop on September 29th includes a presentation of the SWOT report, topic discussions, and prioritizing the action steps. The last workshop on October 26th includes the action plan drafted by the MCOG staff to be presented to the Select Board for their consideration. Components include defined actions organized by priority and timing, financial resources needed to implement the action, responsible parties, time frame to complete the action, and benchmarks.

The workshops are paid for through MCOG's technical assistance program with matching funds from Thomaston's MCOG membership dues.

MCOG Executive Director Mathew Eddy has over 40 years of experience in local, regional, and state planning and development, most recently as the Planning and Development Director in Biddeford. He has worked extensively throughout the region, including tenures in Brunswick, Bath, and Camden. Mat has experience in land use planning, economic and community development, housing program delivery, land trusts and environmental planning, transportation planning, and grant development and programming. Mr. Eddy makes his home in Brunswick, where he and his wife raised their two daughters.