

**Economic Development Committee
Town of Thomaston
Minutes
06/23/23**

Committee Present: Diane Giese, Jon Eaton, Charlie Grover, Ben Griffin, Kendray Rodriguez, John Fancy, Kara George, Michael Martone, Bill Hahn, and Chris Rector

1. Call Meeting to Order: Meeting called to order at 9 a.m.
2. Approval of last meeting minutes- No minutes
3. Development Coordinator Report
 - a. Memorial Day Block Party- feedback received for next year to is to have more food vendors at the event.
 - b. Music Behind the Block series in August
 - c. PreK programming
 - d. Searching for rentable space for the WIC (Women Infant Children) program
4. Discussion of TIF- Assistance from MCOG
 - a. Harbor Dredging project
 - b. Housing projects
 - c. Long term planning for TIF funds
 - d. CDBG programs for affordable housing

ACTION: Diane Giese made a motion, seconded by Jon Eaton to have Charlie Grover work with Michael Martone on TIF programming. VOTE: All in favor

5. Watts Block Discussion

The Congressional Discretionary Spending (CDS) funds are likely to arrive in October-November 2023 for the Watts Block Renovation Project. The Town is waiting for project approval.

6. Update on Thomaston Green and Knox Health Clinic

Jon Eaton discussed forming an Ad Hoc Committee to discuss Thomaston Green Park. He agreed to coordinate the next steps for creating the group.

ACTION: A motion was made and seconded to work with Gartley & Dorsky to update the metes and bounds at the Thomaston Green. VOTE: All in favor.

7. Meeting adjourned at 10:12 a.m.