

Town of Marlborough



Economic Development Commission
Meeting Minutes
April 16, 2026, 7:00 PM
Marlborough Town Hall

1. Call to Order & Roll Call/Designation of Alternates

Mark Paul called the meeting to order at 7:06PM

Attending the meeting and seated were Mark Paul (Chair), Jillian LaCaresse (VC), Michael Chotkowski, Benjamin Maynard, and Jeremy Vigneault via zoom.

2. Approval of Minutes

Jillian LaCaresse made a motion to approve the minutes of February 19, 2026. Benjamin Maynard seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion passed.

3. Additions to the Agenda

Joe Asklar from the BOS asked if he could provide some updates to town businesses.

4. New Business

- a) Discuss relevant information from data/files distributed prior to the meeting that is not related to unfinished or continuing business which follows. All information is available via the following Google Folders link and is organized by subject matter or meeting date as appropriate: EDC Google Folders.

[Marlborough EDC Google Folder](#)

Mark Paul noted that a significant amount of information has been posted on the drive from many contributors. He encouraged the group to review these materials and use them to achieve the committee's goals.

b) [Local business changes – openings, closing, updates](#)

Joe Asklar of the BOS was in attendance and reported the following:

- Schneider Electric on North Main St is noted to be consolidation operations and vacating the location. Glastonbury Guage will be moving into the location.
- Dr Rafolowksi, the eye doctor, has sold the business to Greloch Eyecare.
- The Marlborough Plastics site has closed, and it is reported to be converted to residential property.

- Zina's is starting a Farmers Market

The EDC will reach out to these new businesses and help with welcoming them to the town and possible Grand Opening events or Press Releases.

c) [Open discussion on 2026 goals of EDC to make positive impact to Town businesses and residents.](#)

Mark Paul briefly discussed this topic and is looking for ideas going forward to expanding the role of EDC.

5. Unfinished Business

a) [Town Center Properties - Updates](#)

- EV Café is still under construction.
- Solar farm on Rt 66 just west of Rt 2 and behind what was The Commons is under construction.
- Self-Storage facility is also just west of Rt 2 under construction.
- Pieper Olson veterinarian site on Rt 66 east of the center is under construction.

b) [Sustainable CT status](#)

Not much activity but Mark did note the next step of gold Certification will be challenging and will need support to achieve.

c) [America 250 Anniversary Committee Events/Activities:](#)

Mark reported that certain projects are currently in the planning phase and indicated that the Preservation Society website will serve as the primary source for updates and information. Additional details will also be made available through the River East publication.

In addition, it was noted all funding will be from donations for the AM250 events. Sponsors are still being accepted, and many have already committed.

Some key upcoming events were noted:

- Re-enactment Day
- Walking Trail of historic sites
- Top Dog Contest
- Patriotic Displays
- July 4th event at Blish Park
- And many more in the planning....

6. New Actions or considerations for future meetings

It was noted the EDC would like to have Peter Hughes in attendance or provide an update prior to our meetings. Mark Paul to follow up.

7. Public Comments /Communications – None

8. Agree to next meeting date and location – May 21, 2026, 7:00PM at the Town Hall.

9. Adjournment

Jillian LaCresse made a motion to adjourn at 7:43PM. Michael Chotkowski seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Carter, Board Clerk