

Economic Development Commission

Regular Meeting

Room 201

Tuesday, April 14, 2026, 8:30 A.M.

Agenda

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- a. Call To Order:
- b. Approval of Minutes:* 2/10/2026
- c. New Business
- e. Reports of Officers and Committees:
- f. Old Business:
- g. Public Comments:
- h. Other:
 - i. Director's Report
- i. Adjournment:*

Vote Required*

Economic Development Commission

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Room 201

Tuesday, February 10, 2026

MINUTES

PRESENT: L. Konicki, Chairman, M. Bogdanski, Vice Chairman, P. Grenier, O. Williamson

ABSENT: J. D. Taylor, J. Lefevre, Recording Secretary

ALSO PRESENT: M.A. Chinatti, Econ. & Comm. Dev./Redev. Dir.

a. Call to order: Chairman Konicki called the meeting to order at 8:30AM. Roll call was taken and it was determined a quorum was present.

b. Approval of Minutes: November 18, 2025 *
(December 09, 2026, and January 13, 2026, were cancelled)

(M/S/C) Grenier/Bogdanski to approve the November 18, 2025 minutes. Carried unanimously.

c. Communications: M.A. Chinatti distributed an article that appeared in The Day re Putnam's first Poet Laureate

d. New Business:

i. Election of Officers*

(M/S/C) Bogdanski/Grenier to elect L. Konicki as Chairman. Motion carried unanimously.

(M/S/C) Grenier/Williamson to elect M. Bogdanski as Vice Chairman. Motion carried unanimously.

ii. MuralFest Putnam Contribution*

Chairman Konicki explained the MuralFest project and stated he would like this Commission to make a contribution, from its Economic Development Trust Fund, toward the event.

(M/S/C) Bogdanski/Williamson to donate \$5,000 to MuralFest Putnam, funds to come from the Economic Development Trust Fund. Motion Carried unanimously.

e. Reports of Officers and Committees: None.

f. Old Business: None.

g. Public Comments: None

Chairman Konicki noted that Director Chinatti was to be interviewed on a podcast, to which Ms. Chinatti responded that the interview for IMPACT, a SustainableCT podcast, took place on Feb. 9 and would be live on Feb. 15. Chairman Konicki requested and Ms. Chinatti agreed to forward the podcast to members when available.

h. Other: i. Director's Report – Written Report Provided
ii. Available Commercial Properties – No update.
iii. Trade Name Certificates – Emailed in agenda packets.

i. Adjournment*:

(M/S/C) Williamson/Bogdanski to adjourn at 8:39AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Ann Chinatti, Director
Economic & Community Development/Redevelopment

*Vote Required



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Filing Type - The information contained herein (choose one): ☒ **Original** ☐ **Amendment**

Trade Name: Woodstock Line Company

Address, Town/City: 91 Canal Street, Putnam

State, ZIP Code: CT 06260 **Email:** rchamberlin@WoodstockLine.com **Phone:** 860 576 4924

Business Organization Associated with this Trade Name

Business Name: Woodstock Manufacturing Inc

Secretary of the State Business ID/ALEI: US-CT.BER: 8342591

Address, Town/City: 91 Canal Street Putnam

State, ZIP Code: CT 06260 **Email:** Rchamberlin@WoodstockLine.com **Phone:** 860 576 4924

Authorized Officer: [Signature] **Title:** President

Acknowledgment for Business Organizations

State of Connecticut, County of Windham ss. Putnam

On this 3rd day of February, 20 26, before me Deana Papik

Reid Chamberlin, who acknowledged themselves as President

of Woodstock Manufacturing Inc a business organization filed with the Secretary of the State, and that

they are authorized to file this trade name application.

Signature: [Signature] **Date:** 2/3/26

(Town Clerk, Notary Public, Justice of the Peace, or Commissioner of the Superior Court)

I certify the foregoing is a true copy of the original filed in: Putnam

Signature: [Signature] **Date:** 2/3/26

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File with the Town Clerk in the town where the business is principally transacted.

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Trade Name: Clear Path Cleaning Services

Business Purpose: General Cleaning and property maintenance services

Address, Town/City: 140 River Rd, Putnam

State, ZIP Code: Connecticut - 06260 **Email:** caminhasleia@gmail.com **Phone:** 508 579 7414

Natural Persons Associated with this Trade Name (person 1):

Full Name: Lucileia G P Caminhas

Signature:

Address, Town/City: 140 River Rd, Putnam

State, ZIP Code: Connecticut - 06260 **Email:** caminhasleia@gmail.com **Phone:** 508 579 7414

Natural Persons Associated with this Trade Name (person 2):

Full Name: _____

Signature: _____

Address, Town/City: _____

State, ZIP Code: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Please Note: If 3 or more persons are applying, please use the Trade Name Application Addendum.

Acknowledgment for Natural Person(s):

State of Connecticut, County of Litchfield ss. Putnam

(Town/City)

On this 17th day of February, 2026, before me Christine M. Bright
(Name of Town Clerk/Notary)

the undersigned officer, personally appeared the natural person(s) contained herein, known to me/or satisfactorily proven to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to within the instrument and acknowledged that they executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

Signature:

Date: 2-17-26

(Town Clerk, Notary Public, Justice of the Peace, or Commissioner of the Superior Court)

I certify the foregoing is a true copy of the original filed in: Putnam

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Signature:

Date: 2-17-26

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Trade Name: US Line

Business Purpose: Woodstock Manufacturing Inc- braided cordage and line

Address, Town/City: 91 Canal Street, Putnam

State, ZIP Code: CT 06260

Email: rchamberlin@woodstockline.co

Phone: 8605764924

Natural Persons Associated with this Trade Name (Primary Applicant person 1):

Full Name: Reid Chamberlin

Signature: Reid Chamberlin

Address, Town/City: 91 Canal Street, Putnam

State, ZIP Code: CT 06260

Email: rchamberlin@woodstockline.com

Phone: 8605764924

Natural Persons Associated with this Trade Name (person 2):

Full Name: _____

Signature: _____

Address, Town/City: _____

State, ZIP Code: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Please Note: If 3 or more persons are applying, please use the Trade Name Application Addendum.

Acknowledgment for Natural Person(s):

State of Connecticut, County of Windham ss. Putnam

On this 2nd day of March, 2026, before me

Deanna Rajak
(Name of Town Clerk/Notary)

the undersigned officer, personally appeared the natural person(s) contained herein, known to me/or satisfactorily proven to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to within the instrument and acknowledged that they executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

Signature: Deanna Rajak

(Town Clerk, Notary Public, Justice of the Peace, or Commissioner of the Superior Court)

Date: 3/2/26

I certify the foregoing is a true copy of the original filed in: Putnam

(Town/City)

Signature: Deanna Rajak

(Town Clerk)

Date: 3/2/26

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Trade Name: OFC Studios

Business Purpose: Online Sales

Address, Town/City: 207 Sabin St Apt 85

State, ZIP Code: 06260 **Email:** ofcstudios@proton.me **Phone:** 9599298245

Natural Persons Associated with this Trade Name (person 1):

Full Name: Ethan Patrick Smith

Signature: *Ethan Patrick Smith*

Address, Town/City: 207 Sabin Street Apt 85

State, ZIP Code: 06260 **Email:** ofcstudios@proton.me **Phone:** 9599298245

Natural Persons Associated with this Trade Name (person 2):

Full Name: _____ **Signature:** _____

Address, Town/City: _____

State, ZIP Code: _____ **Email:** _____ **Phone:** _____

Please Note: If 3 or more persons are applying, please use the Trade Name Application Addendum.

Acknowledgment for Natural Person(s):

State of Connecticut, County of Windham ss. Putnam
On this 3rd day of March, 20 26, before me Deana Papak Aft
(Name of Town Clerk/Notary)

the undersigned officer, personally appeared the natural person(s) contained herein, known to me/or satisfactorily proven to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to within the instrument and acknowledged that they executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

Signature: Deana Papak Aft **Date:** 3/3/26
(Town Clerk, Notary Public, Justice of the Peace, or Commissioner of the Superior Court)

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Signature: Deana Papak Aft **Date:** 3/3/26
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State of Connecticut Trade Name Cancellation

Filing Fee: \$20

Payable to town clerk, per C.G.S. § 7-34

The following trade name is canceled: This trade name cancellation should be filed in the town where the trade name was originally filed. By filing this cancellation, you are affirming: (1) that you are authorized to do so; and (2) that business is no longer transacted in this state under this name.

Trade Name: Central New England Endodontics & Implantology

Original Filing Date: 1-10-2006

Original Trade Name ID Number: 1517

Full Name: Michael P Russo
Printed Full Legal Name of Person Authorizing Cancellation

Signature: Michael P. Russo Date: 2/20/26
Signature of Person Authorizing Cancellation

To be completed by Notary Public or Town Clerk:

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 20th day of February, 2026.

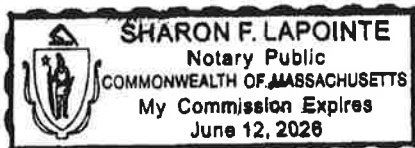
Signature: Sharon F. LaPointe Date: 2/20/26

(Town Clerk, Notary Public, Justice of the Peace, or Commissioner of the Superior Court)

I certify the foregoing is a true copy of the original filed in: Putnam

Signature: [Signature] Date: 3-4-26

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Trade Name: Central New England Endodontics
Address, Town/City: 39 Kennedy Drive, Putnam, Suite C
State, ZIP Code: CT, 06260 **Email:** cee_finance@cee-roof.com **Phone:** 860-921-9115

Business Organization Associated with this Trade Name

Business Name: Dr M Russo, PC
Secretary of the State Business ID/ALEI: 0684136
Address, Town/City: 39 Kennedy Dr Suite C, Putnam
State, ZIP Code: CT 06260 **Email:** cee_finance@cee-roof.com **Phone:** 860-921-9115
Authorized Officer: Michael P Russo **Title:** President

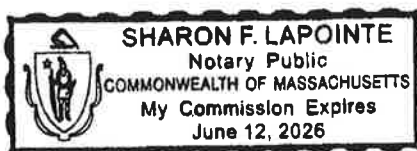
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MASSACHUSETTS
 State of ~~Connecticut~~, County of WORCESTER ss. WORCESTER
 On this 20th day of February, 20 26, before me SHARON F. LAPOINTE,
Michael P. Russo, who acknowledged themselves as President,
 of Dr M. Russo, PC, a business organization filed with the Secretary of the State, and that
 they are authorized to file this trade name application.

Signature: Sharon F. LaPointe **Date:** 2/20/26
 (Town Clerk, Notary Public, Justice of the Peace, or Commissioner of the Superior Court)

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Signature: [Signature] **Date:** 3-4-26
 (Town Clerk)

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Trade Name: Riverview Landscape Supply

Address, Town/City: 147 Kennedy Drive

State, ZIP Code: Putnam CT 06260 **Email:** RIVERVIEWLANDSCAPESUPPLY@gmail.com **Phone:** 860-928-4222

Business Organization Associated with this Trade Name

Business Name: The Scoop Social CT LLC

Secretary of the State Business ID/ALEI: 3299794

Address, Town/City: 147 Kennedy Drive

State, ZIP Code: Putnam, CT 06260 **Email:** thescoopsocialct@gmail.com **Phone:** 860-928-4222

Authorized Officer: Madilyn Smith **Title:** Member-Manager

Acknowledgment for Business Organizations

State of Connecticut, County of Windham ss. Putnam

On this 11th day of March, 2026, before me Deana Papik,
(Name of Town Clerk/Notary)

Madilyn Smith, who acknowledged themselves as Member-Manager,
(Name of Business Organization Officer) (Title of Business Organization Officer)

of The Scoop Social CT, LLC, a business organization filed with the Secretary of the State, and that
(Name of Business Organization)
they are authorized to file this trade name application.

Signature: Deana Papik **Date:** 3/11/26
(Town Clerk, Notary Public, Justice of the Peace, or Commissioner of the Superior Court)

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Signature: Deana Papik **Date:** 3/11/26
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Trade Name: JOHN M. DEAN CO.

Address, Town/City: 21 MECHANICS STREET, PUTNAM

State, ZIP Code: CT, 06260 Email: MDESTARLAIS@JMDDEAN.COM Phone: 860-928-7701

Business Organization Associated with this Trade Name

Business Name: CONNECTICUT WIRE PRODUCTS, INC.

Secretary of the State Business ID/ALEI: US-CT-BER: 3351794

Address, Town/City: 20 MECHANICS STREET, PUTNAM

State, ZIP Code: CT, 06260 Email: MDESTARLAIS@JMDDEAN.COM Phone: 860-928-7701

Authorized Officer: MATTHEW DESTARLAIS Title: PRESIDENT

Acknowledgment for Business Organizations

State of Connecticut, County of WINDHAM ss. PUTNAM

On this 24th day of MARCH, 20 26, before me Deana Payak
 (Name of Town Clerk/Notary)

Matthew Destarlais, who acknowledged themselves as _____,
 (Name of Business Organization Officer) (Title of Business Organization Officer)

of Connecticut Wire Products, Inc. a business organization filed with the Secretary of the State, and that
 (Name of Business Organization)

they are authorized to file this trade name application.

Signature: Deana Payak Date: 3/24/26
 (Town Clerk, Notary Public, Justice of the Peace, or Commissioner of the Superior Court)

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Signature: Deana Payak, Atty Date: 3/24/26
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Trade Name: Thai Place

Address, Town/City: 241 Kennedy Dr, Putnam

State, ZIP Code: CT, 06260 **Email:** debbysundarabiz@gmail.com **Phone:** 7146836286

Business Organization Associated with this Trade Name

Business Name: Phonyotha Corporation

Secretary of the State Business ID/ALEI: US-CT.BER:2899151

Address, Town/City: 241 Kennedy Dr

State, ZIP Code: CT, 06260 **Email:** debbysundarabiz@gmail.com **Phone:** 7146836286

Authorized Officer: Debby Sundara **Title:** Owner/manager

Acknowledgment for Business Organizations

State of Connecticut, County of Windham ss. Putnam
(Town/City)
On this 6th day of April, 20 26, before me Christine Bright,
(Name of Town Clerk/Notary)
Debby Sundara, who acknowledged themselves as Owner/manager,
(Name of Business Organization Officer) (Title of Business Organization Officer)
of Phonyotha Corp, a business organization filed with the Secretary of the State, and that
(Name of Business Organization)
they are authorized to file this trade name application.

Signature: _____

(Town Clerk, Notary Public, Justice of the Peace, or Commissioner of the Superior Court)

Date: 4-6-26

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Signature: _____

(Town Clerk)

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Putnam Economic Development Commission
Putnam Redevelopment Agency

FROM: Mary Ann Chinatti, Economic & Community Development Director

DATE: April 8, 2026

SUBJ: Director's Report

STEAP Grant – A kick-off meeting for the track project was held on Sept. 25. Current schedule (subject to change): 100% construction documents – April 6, 2026; Required State Review: April 6 – April 20, 2026; Bidding – April 27 – May 16, 2026; Construction – May – Oct. 2026.

CT DECD 2022 Municipal Brownfield Assessment and Remediation Grant Program (Belding Mill Project) – DECD requested an updated title search of the property, which Staff forwarded on March 24. The Town's attorney is working on the closing documents with the State's attorney; it is anticipated that closing will be in May.

CT DECD Brownfield Municipal Grant Program Round 18 (2 Furnace St. and 20 Mechanic St.) – Kooris Consulting was selected to prepare the Highest & Best Uses/Marketing Study. Tighe & Bond has a groundwater gauging event planned for the summer, under drier conditions, to evaluate seasonal low groundwater conditions at the site. It is anticipated the grant will be wrapped up after that, which would be late summer/early fall depending on the weather.

Air Line Trail/CT DEEP Recreational Trails Grant – A project update meeting was held March 31. Barton Loguidice (BL), the Town's consultant on the project, is making good progress. An extension to year end is necessary from DEEP's Recreational Trails, and BL will submit that request. 60% design plans are due in August, but BL is of the opinion that they may be ready earlier. Updated plans will include incorporating utilities locations in the design. Plans will be provided to approach property owners re any needed easements; yet to be decided is whether the Town, or BL, will make those contacts. The next update meeting is scheduled for April 27 at 1PM.

Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) Update – Tyche Planning & Policy Group, the Town's consultant on the Project, is in the process of finalizing the document, which will then be presented to the Planning and Zoning Commission for approval.

Union Square Courtyard – DEEP's announcement of funded projects has been pushed back to later this spring/early summer.

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Grove St. – South Main St. Sidewalks Project – DECD has recommended to the State Bond Commission that this project be funded. It is anticipated the Commission will make its decision on the DECD recommendation by the end of May. In anticipation of the Commission's approval of DECD's recommendation, NECCOG engineer Syl Pauley is finalizing bid documents, to be forwarded to DECD for its required review at the appropriate time.

School St. – Walmart Sidewalk Project – Per NECCOG engineer Syl Pauley, plans should be ready to forward to CT DOT for its review within the next few weeks. In the interim, Staff is researching possible funding sources for the project.

Putnam Public Market/Cargill Hotel – The required Special Permit was approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission at its November meeting. Building permits will be requested in two phases, the first being for 88 Main St. The owner's representative indicates that the property owner is currently reviewing the contractor's submitted contractor, and he anticipates submission of a building permit application for 88 Main St. by the end of April.

Poet Laureate – The Town's Poet Laureate, Aubrey Waz-Grant, gave two readings at the March 7, 2026 Art Heist, put on by the Putnam Arts Council. Her readings were very well received. Aubrey is also working on a July 2026 art and history event which would include, at this writing, a tour of a State Park or Arts Council Chairman Moorehead's property. She would also like to invite an indigenous representation (Nipmuc) to give a discussion about tribes in our area. This would be combined with Aubrey leading a writing workshop.

FY27 Congressionally Directed Spending – Staff submitted a request for funding to Congressman Courtney's office on March 6 for the Peake Brook Surface Water Treatment Plant Repairs, Upgrades. The Project entails rebuilding, making necessary repairs and upgrades to the Town's surface water facility, including but not limited to building improvements/repairs and replacement of machinery.

Staff was notified by Congressman Courtney's office on March 31 that the project was submitted to the House Appropriations Committee to be considered for inclusion in FY27 appropriations legislation. While this is not a guarantee for funding, it is a critical step on the path to securing targeted appropriations for this project.

In order to officially secure this funding, it will have to be approved by both chambers of Congress and then signed into law by the President. While the 2027 Federal Fiscal Year begins on October 1st, it is not anticipated that Congress will have reached agreement on a FY27 budget at that point – it is more likely that this legislation will be considered toward the end of 2026 or the beginning of the new session in 2027.

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