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Economic Development Commission
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Stonington, Connecticut 06378

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EDC Mission:
To assist in the establishment of new business in Stonington; finding business locations; State of Connecticut and local assistance and incentives; introductions to area officials and business leaders; and area statistics and information.

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**Special Meeting
of EDC for Cultural Districts
Tuesday, December 20, 2022, 9:00 am
Stonington Town Hall, 152 Elm St., Stonington, CT**

Call to Order: Elsie Bisset, EDC Member

Attending: Elsie Bisset.

Guests: Gabriella Radujko, Elizabeth Wood, J. D. Fontanella and Susan Lavender.

1) The meeting was called to order at 9:05 am by Elsie Bisset.

2) Introductions: Along with introductions Elsie asked for any announcements. Congratulations to Matt Beaudoin and his business Mystic Knotworks for being featured on ABC's National News "Made in America". The Stonington Lobster Tree was lauded on NPR's News.

3) Components of Application: Elsie and Gabriella gave an overview of the formation of Cultural Districts in Stonington and where we are in the State's process.

Paul prepared an excel worksheet which was handed out. We reviewed the categorical representation requirements and matched up interested participants. J.D. Fontanella agreed to represent the Old Mystic area of Stonington. Susan Lavender agreed to represent the town area of Stonington, not Elsie's specific village area. Elizabeth Wood explained that Stonington doesn't have an historic district commission, it is an historic society, a private non-profit organization with approximately 500 members and 18 board members. She agreed to represent the historic society. Gabriella agreed to represent the Stonington Village Cultural District. Elsie would like to continue to be the liaison from the Economic Development Commission. Other participants will be contacted to discuss their potential representation.

Elsie will continue to review the draft ordinance with Danielle and Wendy.

4) It is planned that the draft ordinance will be finalized for the January meeting and then be presented by the Selectmen for a public hearing in February. Gabriella will continue composing the text and related components of the information packet (application) which will be submitted to Wendy after town approval.

5} Public Comment: None

6} Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Elsie Bisset
Economic Development Commission

Approved

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'KB', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kevin Bowdler, Incoming Chair
Economic Development Commission