

Town of Stonington Economic Development Commission

152 Elm Street Stonington, Connecticut 06378

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Special Meeting Tuesday, January 23, 6:00 pm SPS District Office, Room 103, 40 Field St, Pawcatuck, CT

Attendees: Cullen Hagan, Elsie Bisset, Virginia Abernathy, Hannah Cedarmark, Charles Clew, Don Fiore, Christopher Smith, Jonathan Collins, alternate member. Clifton Iler, Town Planner. Absent with notification: Stephen Bessette and Sarah Welch

1) Cullen Hagen, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6 pm.

2) Special Meeting Minutes December 19, 2023. Motion by Don, second by Elsie. ALL IN FAVOR.

3) New Business

a) Michael " Mike " Lech – CEO, READCO Portfolio-Unable to attend.
b) Bruce Flax – Mystic Chamber of Commerce-Unable to attend.
c) EDC Members to attend Board of Finance meeting in Q1 24 No dates have been set yet. Cullen will let member know when the meetings are scheduled.

d) Other new business-Cullen introduced Clifton Iler. He started in May of 2023 as the Town Planner for the Town and is assigned as the staff liaison to EDC. He gave updates on the zoning rewrite, the POCD progress and the plans to issue a RFP for a consultant to begin in the Fall. The zone change application of ReadCo for a mixed use development is continued to the February 6 meeting of the Planning and Zoning. Discussion on ideas for subsequent EDC meetings and potential invitees.

4) Old Business

a) EDC membership status-Cullen welcomed Jonathan Collins, a new alternate. 2 alternate positions remain available

b) Stonington Gateways – Exits, 90, 91 & 92-Discussion on the breadth of this project and involvement of other entities. By consensus it was decided not to focus on this project at the current time.

c) Review project list progress. Cullen reviewed the projects and members gave updates. Discussion on what to add, refine and omit. Cullen will send out a revised list for the commission's continued discussion next month.

6) Public Comment-None

COMMISSIONERS

Cullen Hagan Chairman

Elsie Bisset Vice Chairman

Virginia Abernathy Member

Hannah Cedermark Member

Charles Clew Member

Don Fiore Member

Christopher Smith Member

Stephen Bessette Member

Sarah Welch Member

The EDC's mission is to advance the Town's economic prosperity; foster equitable and sustainable growth; and champion a thriving community. 7) Motion to Adjourn at 6:55 pm by Cullen, second by Virginia. ALL IN FAVOR.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cullen Hagan, Chairman