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Economic Development Commission
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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.*

FINAL MINUTES

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, January 11, 2022, 6:00 p.m.

SPS District Office Board Room, 40 Field St, Pawcatuck, CT

Attending: EDC: Dave Hammond, Kevin Bowdler, Jim Lathrop, Suzanne Lane, Dan McFadden, Virginia Abernathy, Cullen Hagan, John Godin, Elsie Bisset; DoP: Susan Cullen

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

The Minutes of the December 14, 2021 were approved. Motion: John, Second: Jim. **All in Favor.**

Old Business: Project Updates were deferred in favor of the annual prioritization exercise.

New Business: An exercise was conducted to review current and potential EDC initiatives and prioritize them into areas of focus for the coming year. See table.

Department of Planning Report: Susan provided an update of major DoP efforts: Pawcatuck sidewalks, Stillmanville Mill environmental assessment grant status, Mystic River Boathouse Park.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dave Hammond, Chairman
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Approved February 8, 2022

2022 EDC Goals and Objectives - Prioritization Exercise (color key at bottom)

1/11/2022

Nº	Potential Initiatives	2022 Key Objectives	Incumbent Lead	Top Te
1	Circus Lot / Dahl Oil Lot	topo survey; decide EA; purchase Circus lot, illustrative renderings / landscape architect designs; Community Conversations for use	Jim	
2	Donahue Park Ext	complete survey and permitting; conceptual design; quotes for engineering / construction; explore financing alternatives	John	
3	Exit 90	Develop strategic plan to account for increasing visitor numbers; continue to promote Vision; continue to engage public; use effort as catalyst for pedestrian / bike greenway effort	Kevin	
4	Stuck Property Analysis	Focus on Mechanic Street Mills - establish connections with owners to plan, save buildings / realize value; identify other specific properties to target such as Breslin; what is stuck due to zoning regs, such as CS-5?	Cullen	
5	Comprehensive Zoning Update	support consultant: provide Economic Development-specific recommendations (incl: contemporized Zoning District Regs, parking, signage, etc); partner with DoP to assist with Community Conversations	DoP / Dave	
6	Cultural District	Work closely with SECT Cultural Coalition to realize establishment of Cultural District(s)	Elsie	
7	Affordable Housing Plan	Follow-through until adopted by PZC (addendum to POCD); advocate for incorporating recommendations into Comprehensive Zoning Regulation update	DoP / Dave	
8	Business Outreach	Continue: collaborate with seCTer; support new and existing business; monitor cannabis post approval at referendum (late 2022)	Suzanne	
9	Marketing / Branding / Placemaking	continue to leverage 1649 website; explore public engagement platform; submit quarterly Stonington Magazine articles; continue incremental approach to placemaking through branding and wayfinding efforts	Kevin	
10	Maritime / Marinas	Re-engage with Marinas, inspired by surge in boating interest	Dan	
11	Mechanic Street "Gateway"	consider streetscape improvements to establish neighborhood identify and placemaking, connecting to the important Mechanic St Mill assets	Jim	
12	Cogswell Pedestrian Bridge	contingent upon development of Campbell Grain lot	Jim	
13	POCD	2023 or later	DoP / Elsie	
14	Stillman Mill EA	grant awarded, monitor progress	Dave	
15	Campbell Grain lot	Monitor and continue to pursue options for highest and best use infill development as a key part of Downtown Pawcatuck revitalization effort	Dave	
16	Stillman Mill Remediation	2023 or later: Once EA complete, seek remediation path; continue to partner with Eastern CT Landbank	Dave	
17	Agriculture / Aquaculture	Monitor	Dave	

Key
In-progress, 2021 activity
Parking Lot: awaiting action by others
Hold and monitor