

**Town of Stonington**  
**Economic Development Commission**  
**DRAFT - Meeting Minutes for**  
**May 20, 2015**  
**Human Services Building- 7:00pm**

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**Present:** Blunt White, Richard Balestracci, Joel Valenti, Suzanne Lane, Amy Arruda, Edward Planeta Jr., Danielle Chesebrough and David Hammond

**Town Guests:** Rob Simmons, Tracey O'Neil (Westerly Sun)

**Call to order:** 7:04; **Adjourn:** 8:50

**Approval of April 15, 2015 Minutes**

Motion: Blunt White      Second: Edward Planeta Jr      All in favor

**Business:**

- Rob Simmons reported on his activities (1) Business outreach efforts including the Hilton Hotel renovation and Masonicare project. (2) The POCD approval. (3) The FYE 6/2016 budget and Director of Planning position. (4) EDC's review of the Substantial Improvement/5 year look back.
  
- Motion by : Blunt White      Second by: David Hammond  
"EDC will send letter to Board of Selectman regarding Director of Planning and Economic Development positions. Topics - (1) EDC to offer a volunteer to review/comment and assist in creation of job description and recruitment. (2) Recommended options, as budgeted (full time employee at \$90,000 plus a consultant \$35,000) or combination of positions into one. (3) Recommendation that position be filled within 30 days of the next fiscal year (by August 1).

All in Favor

Letter to go out on Friday in advance of BOS meeting on Wednesday May 27.  
EDC members Edward and Amy will attend BOS meeting to present and answer any questions on the letter.

- EDC to follow up with Roger Kizer on next steps for combining EDC's website with Town website
  
- EDC new member recruitment - Approach Mystic and Westerly Chambers. Danielle will talk to Tricia Walsh and Amy will talk with Lisa Konicki about new EDC members.
  
- Next month the EDC will discuss a letter to BOS articulating EDC's views on priorities for POCD Policies and Initial Tasks.

**Adjourn**

Motion: Blunt White

Second: Dan Hammond

All in favor