

Town of Stonington
Economic Development Commission
Meeting Minutes for
June 17 2015
Human Services Building- 7:00pm

Present: Blunt White, Richard Balestracci, Joel Valenti, Suzanne Lane, Amy Arruda and Danielle Chesebrough

Public: Tracey O'Neill (Westerly Sun)

Call to order: 7:10; **Adjourn:** 9:15

Approval of May 20, 2015 Minutes

Motion: Blunt White

Second: Suzanne Lane

All in favor

Business:

- Discussed EDC business outreach to engage existing businesses to ensure the town is doing all it can to serve their needs.
- Shared ideas on how best to inform local business on relevant news, such as current subsidized for energy efficient LED lighting and HVACs, for business.
- Confirmed plans to update existing EDC documents for posting onto the EDC page on the Town's website, along with speaking to the Town about procedures for future posting by EDC. EDC members confirmed they would like to see the EDC page updated by the end of June.
 - Idea proposed to ask three local Chambers of Commerce to link to Town EDC webpage once up.
- EDC decided not to wait for September for its next meeting; members agreed to have a July meeting.

Motion: Blunt White Second: Danielle Chesebrough All in Favor

- Director of Planning position - EDC reviewed the recent posting of the position (town website) and will write a follow-up letter to the Board of Selectmen requesting that EDC be included in the hiring process. EDC

member Amy Arruda volunteered to review the job description, selection criteria and sit on the interview panel if asked by the Board of Selectmen or Vincent Pacileo (Director of Administrative Services).

Motion: Danielle Chesebrough Second: Blunt White All in favor

- EDC will renew membership with the local Chambers of Commerce: Greater Mystic (\$265) and Greater Westerly-Pawcatuck (\$400). Eastern CT Chamber dues were renewed/paid in April from the Selectmen's EDC budget (\$300). It was proposed that the cost of the two membership dues also be paid from the Selectman EDC budget or alternately from EDC's own budget.

Motion: Amy Arruda Second: Blunt White All in favor

Adjourn

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Approved 7/15/2015
Blunt White, EDC Chair