

**Town of Stonington
Economic Development Commission
Thursday September 11, 2014 Minutes**

Stonington Human Services Conference Room- 7:00pm

Present: Blunt White, Amy Arruda, Suzanne Lane, David Hammond, and Richard Balestracci

Absent: Joel Valenti, Ed Planeta

Town Guests:

Call to Order: 7:05pm

"Motion to approve June 12th Minutes" Passed 5-0

Motion: Blunt White

Second: Amy Arruda

Business:

- A. 2014 Plan of Economic Development initiatives and recommendations
 - 2014 EDC initiatives/ activities discussed.
 - 2015 EDC recommendations report to be drafted in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes 7-136 subsection (c)
 - Presentation to the legislative body to coincide with 2015 POCD report.

"Motion to initiate drafting of an EDC recommendations report" Passed 5-0

Motion: Blunt White

Second: Suzanne Lane

- B. EDC 2015 meeting schedule discussed.
 - Third Thursday of each month did not appear to present any conflicts with other commissions and town meetings.

"Motion to initiate schedule change, effective January 1st 2015, to the Third Thursday of each month, excluding July, August, and December." Passed 5-0

Motion: Blunt White

Second: David Hammond

- C. Initiative to Broaden allowed uses in M1 Zone – no new developments.
- D. New Initiatives – EDC Recommendations report.
- E. Search for additional Member
- F. Budget report
- G. EDC website – Amy Arruda reported 1,885 web hits since the last EDC meeting.
- H. Business outreach follow-up – David Hammond offered to reach out to SECTOR with an invitation to attend an EDC meeting for insight into regional economic development initiatives.
- I. Current development projects in the approval process.
- J. Historic Preservation Tax Credits – discuss determining the eligibility of certain portions of Stonington for renovation cost tax credits. Consider as a possible new initiative.

Adjournment:9:00pm

Respectfully submitted by Richard Balestracci

Approved 10/9/2014 - Blunt White EDC chair