

Town of Stonington
Economic Development Commission
DRAFT ~~Special Meeting~~ Minutes for October 9, 2014
Human Services Building- 7:00pm

Present: Blunt White, Amy Arruda, Suzanne Lane, Rich Balestracci, David Hammond, and Joel Valenti

Absent: Ed Planeta

Town Guests: Byron Lazine, Stephen Capizzano

Call to Order: 7:05pm

Approval of September 11, 2014 Minutes Passed 6-0

Motion: Blunt White

Second: Amy Arruda

Business:

- A. 2014 Economic Development Annual report**
 - 2015 EDC recommendations report to be drafted in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes 7-136 subsection (c)
 - EDC members are currently working on a first Draft of the EDC's 2015 Annual Report. The goal of the report is to create awareness and inform the public of Stonington's current economic status. Current Projects and their statuses will be reported and an up to date real estate analysis of the area will also be included.
- B. Initiative to Broaden allowed uses in M1 zone**
- C. New Initiatives**
 - Historic Preservation Tax Credits- discuss determining the eligibility of certain portions of Stonington for renovation cost tax credits. Still moving forward with this new initiative, nothing new reported.
 - Business Signs and their allowed uses
- D. Search for additional Member**
- E. Budget report**
- F. EDC Website**
 - Approximately 550 visits per month
 - Just reached over 10,000 views
 - Looking to grow views via social media in the upcoming months (FB page, Twitter, LinkedIn)
- G. Business Outreach follow-up**
- H. Current development projects in the approval process**

Adjournment 9:25pm

Respectfully Submitted by Joel Valenti

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