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**Economic Development Commission**  
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Stonington, Connecticut 06378

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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**

**Special Meeting**

**Sub-committee of EDC for Cultural District**

**Wednesday, June 15, 2022**

**Stonington Human Services, 166 S. Broad St., Pawcatuck, CT**

Attending: Elsie Bisset.

Guests: Matt Beaudoin, Kathryn Burchenal, Paul Geise, Laura Jackson, Jennifer Lacker, Gabriella Radujko, Pete Robinson, Susan Scala, Victoria Scala Schwartz, Elizabeth Wood.

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm by Elsie Bisset.

Update of the Municipal Process: Elsie reported that EDC voted last night to create this sub-committee of EDC for a Cultural District. The sub-committee will prepare the application. After State designation, then applicants will be appointed by the Board of Selectmen through the regular process.

Update on Progress: Laura reported on the creation of a fact sheet which can be handed out. Gabriella reported on arranging dates for business visitation to collect information for the creation of a cultural asset inventory. If interested contact her. She handed out the map brochure of the Stonington Borough Merchants along with the fact sheet. Matt handed out a draft map with locators.

Discussion of Tasks and Roles: Discussion of various kinds of businesses to include in the inventory. How broad should the inventory be? The focus is unique creative businesses and organizations. The discussion and research will continue. Discussion on why visit here? Unique facts were shared about the Borough. Several upcoming events were mentioned that various organizers are working on: Donahue Park holiday event, Starry Night, which received a grant from the SE Cultural Coalition. A block party event in September on Water St with musicians, food, etc. hosted by the Stonington Borough Merchants Association. There's a new exhibit at the Lighthouse Museum.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, July 19, 2022 at 6 pm.

Public Comment: None.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elsie Bisset, EDC Member  
Economic Development Commission

David Hammond, Chairman  
Approved September 13, 2022