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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

Tuesday, September 20, 2022

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

Attending: Dave Hammond, Bill Hobbs, Elsie Bisset.

Guests: Danielle Chesebrough, First Selectwoman; Wendy Bury, Executive Director, SE CT Cultural Coalition; Paul Geise, Matt Beaudoin, Kari McCabe, Thomas Mitchell, Matt Beaudoin.

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Dave Hammond, Chairman.

Introductions: Roundtable.

Elsie thanked Zest Fresh Bakery for their donation of treats for tonight's meeting, along with a contribution of the Economic Development Commission. She then reviewed a status report which was emailed prior to this meeting. The topics covered were: Composition of interested participants, Outreach, Tasks and Municipal preparation.

Wendy and Danielle gave an update of the municipal process. There will need to be a Town Meeting which takes 6-8 weeks to prepare and give all proper notices. Discussion on potentially scheduling the meeting with vote in January 2023. Wendy gave an overview of the state's outlook. Wethersfield is the fourth Cultural District approved. There are about 14 others in the "works". Discussion on broadening our application to two districts which would be the Stonington side of Mystic, including the Seaport south to Route 1. It was agreed that this was a comprehensive approach and the two districts offer variety and a rich cultural experience.

Discussion on next steps: Discussion on getting more participants to attend the meetings and work together on project tasks. Paul offered to remind contacts and encourage participation. Matt will begin the new map.

Public Comment: None.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Hammond, Chairman
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