

Town of Stonington Economic Development Commission

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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 Monday, April 11, 2022

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

Attending: EDC: Dave Hammond, John Godin, Bill Hobbs, Elsie Bisset. Attendees: Matt Beaudoin, Emma Bayer, Gabriella Radujko, Daniel Brandl, Elizabeth Wood, Bruce Flax.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Dave Hammond. Everyone present was invited to participate in the discussion. This Cultural District Advisory Committee will function as an ad hoc committee of the EDC until such time as the Selectmen appoint members.

Continuing effort by EDC to explore establishment of a Cultural District(s): Discussion with potential committee members (public invited): Dave gave an overview of the efforts to establish a Cultural District(s) in the Town of Stonington.

- a. Tasks the committee would be responsible for: Elsie reviewed the tasks of the committee which are outlined by the state's process to establish districts. There are categories of representation also needed on the committee.
- b. Input on areas to be considered for the district: Discussion on potential districts, do we start with one and later on expand to another one, or should we apply for two districts in the initial application? One could be the Velvet Mill to the lighthouse, and the other could be Route 27 from the Seaport to and including Route 1 in downtown Mystic.
- c. Goals for our community related to culture, arts, and history: The committee will further define goals as they begin to create an inventory of cultural assets within the district(s). Each participant will reach out to their network to ask others to join in this effort. A diverse base of participants is desired from all areas of town.

Public comment: The attendees participated throughout the meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Hammond, Chairman, Economic Development Commission

David Hammond, Chairman Approved May10, 2022