



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

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, April 12, 2022, 6:00 pm

SPS District Office Board Room, 40 Field St, Pawcatuck, CT

Attending: EDC: Kevin Bowdler, Jim Lathrop, Cullen Hagan, John Godin, Elsie Bisset; Don Fiore, Derek Johnson

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

The EDC Minutes of the Regular Meeting on Feb 8th, and Special Meetings March 4th and March 29th were approved. Motion: Don Fiore Second: John. **All in Favor.**

New Business – None.

Old Business: Project Updates were provided and have been updated in **red**, on the attached spreadsheet.

Department of Planning Report: Deferred as Susan could not attend.

Public Comment: Public comments and questions were heard during each of the project updates, and it was a valuable exchange of ideas.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin Bowdler
Economic Development Commission

David Hammond, Chairman
Approved May 10, 2022

2022 EDC Goals and Objectives - Status Report as of April 2022				Key
				In-progress, 2022 activity
				Parking Lot: awaiting action
				Hold and monitor
N	Initiatives	2022 Key Objectives	Lead	Accomplishments / Next Steps
1	Comprehensive Zoning Update	support consultant: provide Economic Development-specific recommendations (incl: contemporized Zoning District Regs, parking, signage, etc); partner with DoP to assist with Community Conversations	DoP / Dave	consultants interviewed, award in Feb; kickoff meeting in Mar
2	Exit 90	Develop strategic plan to account for increasing visitor numbers; continue to promote Vision; continue to engage public; use effort as catalyst for pedestrian / bike greenway effort	Kevin	Proposed joint meeting with Climate Change Committee to discuss Exit 90 being a alternative energy hub. Meet with Elm Grove Cemetery
3	Circus Lot / Dahl Oil Lot	topo survey; decide EA; purchase Circus lot, illustrative renderings / landscape architect designs; Community Conversations for use	Jim	3-D conceptual rendering done; EDC \$2K for landscape architect rendering; Survey completed. Awaiting 3D Final
4	Donahue Park Ext	complete survey and permitting; conceptual design; quotes for engineering / construction; explore financing alternatives	John	1/5 pre-app w/ DEEP will lead to completion of design / cost; apply for permit (45-90 days to approval), then cert of permission. Design sb completed in May
5	Marketing / Branding / Placemaking	continue to leverage 1649 website; explore public engagement platform; submit quarterly Stonington Magazine articles; continue incremental approach to placemaking through branding and wayfinding efforts	Kevin	EDC \$1.5K for Stonington mktg video, EDC input at March meeting
6	Affordable Housing Plan	Follow-through until adopted by PZC (addendum to POCD); advocate for incorporating recommendations into Comprehensive Zoning Regulation update	DoP / Dave	Public Hearing at 4/5 PZC meeting, step before considering adoption
7	Cultural District	Work closely with SECT Cultural Coalition to realize establishment of Cultural District(s)	Elsie	Progress made at 4/11 meeting with potential CD Board members volunteering.
8	Stuck Property Analysis	Focus on Mechanic Street Mills - establish connections with owners to plan, save buildings / realize value; identify other specific properties to target such as Breslin; what is stuck due to zoning regs, such as CS-5?	Cullen	Cullen will set-up a sub-committee meeting to discuss next steps.
9	Business Outreach	Continue: collaborate with seCTer; support new and existing business; monitor cannabis post approval at referendum (late 2022)	Suzanne / Cullen	Lisa Konicki has made good progress in developing a database of businesses in Stonington.
10	Mechanic Street "Gateway"	consider streetscape improvements to establish neighborhood identify and placemaking, connecting to the important Mechanic St Mill assets	Jim	Waiting upon feedback from Beautification Cmt.
11	Maritime / Marinas	Re-engage with Marinas, inspired by surge in boating interest	Dan	
12	Campbell Grain lot	Monitor and continue to pursue options for highest and best use infill development as a key part of Downtown Pawcatuck revitalization effort	Dave	
13	Cogswell Pedestrian Bridge	contingent upon development of Campbell Grain lot	Jim	
14	POCD	2023 or later	DoP / Elsie	
15	Agriculture / Aquaculture	Monitor	Dave	
16	Stillman Mill EA	grant awarded, monitor progress	Dave	\$139K grant awarded; EA consultants interviewed
17	Stillman Mill Remediation	2023 or later: Once EA complete, seek remediation path; continue to partner with Eastern CT Landbank	Dave	
18	Promote Fishing / Town Park	Partnering with SNEFLA to promote fishing	Dave	Several meetings; working on webpage