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EDC Goals:
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.

AGENDA

Regular Meeting
Wednesday, March 15, 2017
7:00 P.M.

Human Services Building
166 South Broad Street, Pawcatuck, CT

1. Call to order: 7:00 p.m.
2. Approval of prior Minutes: February 15, 2017
3. Comments from the Public.
4. Comments from Planning Department.
5. Old Business:
Economic Clusters:
 - Status Reports – accomplishments since last meeting and next steps – by cluster leaders (5 minutes each) framework (POCD 10.2.11, 10.4.2).
 - a. Agriculture/Aquaculture (Ward, Danielle)
 - b. Marinas (Kevin, Virginia)
 - c. Manufacturing (Pete, Ed)
 - d. Retail (Suzanne)
 - e. Lodging (Virginia)
 - f. Attractions/Culture/Heritage (Tourism) (Joel, Mark)
 - Report out: Tourism Forecast Breakfast (Dave, Suzanne, Rich)
 - g. Restaurant/Entertainment/Events (Kevin, Danielle)
 - h. Eldercare (Dave)
 - i. Real Estate (Residential, Commercial) (Rich)
 - Other Old Business
 - j. Branding Stonington through Economic Clusters
 - k. PV-5 Community input meeting set for March 27; economic analysis underway (Kevin). (POCD 8.1.5, 8.3.2, 10.2.4, supports 10.2.5)
 - l. Grand List cluster analysis underway (Kevin, Dave)
 - m. Signage, especially in support of Tourism at Mystic Gateway
 - n. Flood zone regulations and look-back period, especially with regards to Downtown Pawcatuck (POCD 8.2.4)
6. New Business:
 - **Stone Acres Farm proposed Master Plan for new Agricultural Heritage Zone:** Jane Miser will be our guest and provide an overview of the Stone Acres project seeking Master Plan approval for the new AHD zone, to go

before the PZC on 3/21. We will explore how important it is to realize economic viability - and to model a pathway for others - to keep small farms from drying up altogether. This proposal promises to maintain Stonington's agricultural heritage, part of the Town's identity, and features in the fledgling yet growing agri-tourism sector. *Expected Outcome:* EDC consider writing a Letter of Support (POCD 4.1.1)

- **Create a new Heritage Mill District (HM) zone:** in 2012 the EDC with Planimetrics drafted an HM proposal, which was not acted on. With the renewed energy to contemporize zoning in Town to attract investment, the HM draft has been refined and will be considered by PZC on April 4. *Expected Outcome:* EDC consider providing a Letter of Support and supporting economic analysis. (POCD 7.2.5, 8.1.4, 10.2.10)
- **Develop a Community Planning Forum** series where we bring in thought leaders to talk about "emerging" issues. *Expected Outcome:* brainstorm list of forum ideas, prioritize and time-phase

7. Adjournment.

Dave Hammond, Chairman
Economic Development Commission