

Town of Stonington Economic Development Commission

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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, June 21, 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: May 17, 2017 & May 19, 2017
- 3. Comments from the Public.
- 4. Comments from Planning Department.
- 5. Old Business:
 - a) Economic Cluster Status Reports: accomplishments since last meeting and next steps by cluster leaders (5 minutes each) framework (POCD 10.2.11, 10.4.2):
 Agriculture / Aquaculture (Ward, Danielle); Marinas (Kevin, Virginia);
 Manufacturing (Pete, Ed); Retail (Suzanne); Lodging (Virginia); Attractions /
 Culture / Heritage (Tourism) (Joel, Mark); Restaurant / Entertainment / Events
 (Kevin, Danielle); Healthcare / Eldercare (Dave); Real Estate (Residential,
 Commercial) (Rich)
 - POCD Implementation Committee action: draft of "ED Plan" two-pager for Healthcare / Eldercare (POCD 10.2.1, 10.4.2)
 - b) PV-5 zone up date for downtown Pawcatuck: the zone update will be scheduled for public hearing at a PZC meeting soon. *Expected Outcome*: consider writing a Letter of Support, create awareness. (POCD 8.1.5, 8.3.2, 10.2.4, supports 10.2.5)
 - c) EDC-sponsored Community Forums (similar to PV-5) (POCD 9.3.4, 10,2.5): consider proposed Forum priorities and develop plans of action in continued effort to support the Comprehensive Update to the zoning regulations as called for by the POCD:
 - TC-80 zone update June 26: finalize preparation for planned Community Forum, i.e. invitations and RSVPs, food. Consider: use EDC budget and / or seek funding to create conceptual visual for what contemporized zone could look like.
 - Proposed M-2 zone update July 25: several property owners are motivated to contemporize uses for an area on Broadway St Ext
 - Old Mystic (CS-5) August TBD: Contemporize regulations

- LS-5 / DB-5 (Mystic) zone update (MV) Sept TBD: Update to buffer requirements for LS-5 will have been considered at the June 20 PZC meeting. Contemporize regulations.
- Exit 92 (HI-60, CS-5, M-1) Oct TBD: Contemporize regulations
 Expected Outcome: discuss and agree priorities and timing; plan
 Community Forums: schedule Forums, invite participants, publicize, conduct Forums, use input to assist Department of Planning with draft comprehensive rewrites that would receive public hearing at the PZC.

6. New Business:

- a) EDC Comprehensive Economic Development Plan: Jason has created a first draft Plan within which the EDC Cluster 2-pagers will be incorporated (POCD 10.2.1, 10.4.2). Expected Outcome: Review Draft Plan, work on as a team to complete a final draft, continue to develop Cluster 2-pagers, continue data collection.
- b) Mystic Transit-oriented Development Plan: reference Jason's June 15 email. Expected Outcome: Offer Letter of Support (note: June 22 deadline)
- c) Town Board Vacancies: consider openings on Boards and Commissions that have direct bearing on EDC objectives. *Expected Outcome*: seek to identify potential nominees, determine interest, endorse nomination(s) to Board of Selectman
- d) A regular meeting is not scheduled for July. Should we hold a special meeting to maintain momentum on numerous initiatives.

7. Adjournment.

Dave Hammond, Chairman Economic Development Commission