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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.*

AGENDA

Regular Meeting
 Tuesday, January 10, 2023, 6:00 pm
 SPS District Office Board Room, 40 Field St, Pawcatuck, CT

[I've edited the heading and the roster for January. The agenda itself is the December agenda to be used as a template. I copy-n-paste the excel table as a "picture"]

- 1) 6:00pm – Call to order
- 2) 6:05pm – Approve Minutes: Nov 15 Special EDC Meeting; Nov 17 Special Meeting – Cultural District; Nov 16 and Dec 2 Special Joint Meetings – Energy Fair. **Vote required**
- 3) 6:15pm – New Business
 - a) February 14th – next regular meeting date. Should we change?
 - b) Mystic Chamber Visitor Center update – Kevin
 - c) STR Ordinance discussion.
- 4) 6:30pm – Old Business – Project Review of each of the initiatives – see Table
 - a) Initiative #11 Stonington Energy Fair – consider use of budget for marketing. Kevin. **Vote Required**
- 5) 7:15pm – Standing Items
 - a) POCD Implementation Committee - Virginia
 - b) Department of Planning Report – Susan
- 6) 7:30pm – Public Comment
- 7) 7:45pm – Adjournment

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2023 EDC Goals and Objectives

Status		October 2022		
In Progress - Active				
On Hold - awaiting kick-off				
N.	2023 Initiatives / Areas of Focus	Key Objectives	Leader	Accomplishments / Latest Progress
1	Comprehensive Zoning Update	Provide Economic Development-specific recommendations. Susan to invite consultant team to an EDC meeting, provide Keith's list of updates, and provide project plan with milestone dates	Susan / Don	Oct: Don to attend PZC meetings with consultants. Public comment 1Q23 once detail review of existing regs and issues complete; Nov: Don attends Phase 1 meetings, focusing on structure and definitions
4	Donahue Park Ext	complete survey and permitting; conceptual design; quotes for engineering / construction; explore financing alternatives	John	Oct: John to meet with consultant 10/14; goal is to complete application to DEEP; Nov: Tony Nenna presented conceptual plan, leading to a pre-app meeting with DEEP to determine permit-ability
5	Marketing / Branding / Placemaking	Continue incremental approach to placemaking through branding and wayfinding efforts; Stonington video; use Newsletter to inform and educate	Kevin	Nov: Stonington1649 upgrade underway, EDC suggestions sought
2	Stonington Gateways: Exits 90, 91, 92, Mechanic St	Exits 90, 91, 92 "Welcome"; Exit 90 water access at Elm Grove Cemetery, alternative energy hub; Mechanic St: conceptual design to improve appearance of railroad embankment	Elsie / Derek	Nov: on hold pending completion of Cultural District application (phasing EDC member resources)
7	Higher-Potential Property Analysis	Partner with Town and property owners to return to productive use; conduct another pass to identify non-performing, abandoned, vacant properties	Cullen	Oct: display properties on Google map on Stonington1649; Nov: cont. work on to-be-published map
3	Circus Lot / Dahl Oil Lot	Reconnect with Dahl property owner, use completed survey to complete landscape architect conceptual designs for Circus Lot uses	Jim	Oct: formed subcommittee: Don, Suzanne, Bill; Nov: DoP meeting with Chad Frost for conceptual drawing work; have been unable to connect with Dahl lot owner
6	Cultural District	Work closely with SECT Cultural Coalition to realize establishment of Cultural District(s); membership on AH Commission	Elsie	Oct: Next meeting 11/18 at 9am to formalize 2 districts; Nov: team continues work on application substrate for 2 districts
8	Business Outreach	Continue outreach to support new and existing business; leverage Business Directory, seCTer resources	Suzanne	Oct: Identify commercial property owners and invite them to the Energy Fair (John, Virginia); Nov: database of businesses has been developed, facilitating communication, e.g. provide seCTer info
9	Promote Fishing / Town Dock	Partnering with SNEFLA to promote fishing	OPEN	Nov: <i>Stonington Fresh</i> effort connecting to restaurants, other PR efforts through website
11	Alternative Energy	Public information / early 2023 Fair. Partner with Climate Change Task Force	Kevin	Nov: organizers to meet 11/16, Fair date set for 3/25 at Mystic Aquarium Research Center
12	Promote Pawcatuck River	Kayak Trail, recreation / tourism, WPWA	OPEN	
13	Establish bikeways	Police Commission supports: help establish network	Kevin	
10	Wequetequock Village	Revive Village heritage; dire prerequisites: water, sewer	OPEN	