



Town of Stonington
Economic Development Commission
 152 Elm Street
 Stonington, Connecticut 06378

AGENDA

Special Meeting

Tuesday, Feb 7th, 2023, 6:00 pm

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

COMMISSIONERS

Kevin Bowdler
Chairman

Cullen Hagan
Vice Chairman

Elsie Bisset
Member

Hannah Cedarmark
Member

Don Fiore
Member

Suzanne Lane
Member

Dan McFadden
Member

Virginia Abernathy
Member

Charles Clew
Alternate

Derek Johnson
Alternate

*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.*

- 1) 6:00pm – Call to order
- 2) 6:05pm – Approve Minutes: Jan 10, Regular Meeting. Special EDC Meeting; Jan 17 Special Meeting – Cultural District; Jan 3rd Special Joint Meetings – Energy Fair. **Vote required.**
- 3) 6:05pm – New Business
 - a) New EDC member introduction
 - b) Mystic Chamber Visitor Center update **Vote required.**
 - c) Letter of Support for Circus Lot purchase. **Vote required.**
 - d) Discuss EDC Mission Statement – see bottom left of this page.
 - e) Discuss what statistics EDC should create/maintain. See top left of EDC page on the Town’s website. <https://www.stonington-ct.gov/economic-development-commission>
 - f) Expectations of EDC members
- 4) 6:45pm – Old Business – Project Review of each of the initiatives – see Table
- 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

In Progress - Active

On Hold - awaiting kick-off

Status Report as of January 2023

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	OPEN	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 Jan: Need new EDC Lead
5	Marketing / Branding / Placemaking	Continue incremental approach to placemaking through branding and wayfinding efforts; Stonington video; use Newsletter to inform and educate	Kevin	Jan: Stonington1649 platform upgrade underway, APPROVED up to \$1,000. Marketing Video should be complete by Apr 23. Mystic Chamber will host Stonington1649 on monitor in Visitor Center
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). Dec: initial meeting with Elm Grove Cemetery for easement for dock / water access
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	OPEN	Dec: Landscape design concept was shared at meeting. First Selectman is keen to purchase property.
6	Cultural District	Work closely with SECT Cultural Coalition to realize establishment of Cultural District(s); membership on AH Commission	Elsie	Dec: application work continues; EDC Action - write Letter of Support to BoS / BoF for Boro restroom CIP. Jan: Next Meeting 1/17/23
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	Fair date set for 3/25 at Mystic Aquarium Research Center. Jan: Schedule of speakers 99% complete. Need to finalize vendors. Marketing plan agreed. Volunteer needed to manage EV's. VA can help. Need a volunteer to invoice Vendors.
12	Promote Pawcatuck River	Kayak Trail, recreation / tourism, WPWA	OPEN	
13	Establish bikeways	Police Commission supports: help establish network	OPEN	Looking for EDC member lead
10	Wequetequock Village	Revive Village heritage; dire prerequisites: water, sewer	OPEN	