



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

**COMMISSIONERS**

**Kevin Bowdler**  
Chairman

**Cullen Hagan**  
Vice Chairman

**Elsie Bisset**  
Member

**Hannah Cedermark**  
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.*

**AGENDA**

**Special Meeting**  
**Tuesday, March 21, 2023, 6:00 pm**  
**SPS District Office, Room 103, 40 Field St, Pawcatuck, CT**

- 1) 6:00pm – Call to order
- 2) 6:05pm – Approve Minutes: Feb 7<sup>th</sup> Special EDC meeting. Special Joint Meeting Minutes EDC and CCTF 2/10 and 2/13. **Vote required.**
- 3) 6:05pm – New Business
  - a) New EDC member introduction
  - c) Update on Cullen Meeting with Joe Violette from seCTer
- 4) 6:30pm – Old Business
  - a) Revisit discussion on EDC Mission Statement – see bottom left of this page. Draft from last meeting: “to advance the economic prosperity, sustainability and vibrancy of Stonington.”
  - b) Town EDC website updates follow-up
  - c) Project Review of each of the initiatives – see Table
- 5) 7:00pm – Standing Items
  - a) POCD Implementation Committee - Virginia
  - b) Department of Planning Report – Susan
- 6) 7:15pm – Public Comment
- 7) 7:30pm – Adjournment

RECEIVED FOR RECORD  
 STONINGTON, CT  
 23 MAR 16 AM 11:28  
 SALLY DUPLICE  
 TOWN CLERK

## 2023 EDC Goals and Objectives

In Progress - Active
On Hold - awaiting kick-off

### Status Report as of February 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	Cullen	Nov: Tony Nenna presented conceptual plan, leading to a pre-app meeting with DEEP to determine permit-ability <b>Feb - Cullen to lead project</b>
5	Marketing / Branding / Placemaking	Continue incremental approach to placemaking through branding and wayfinding efforts; Stonington video; use Newsletter to inform and educate	Kevin	<b>Marketing Video should be complete by Apr 23. Mystic Chamber will host Stonington1649 on monitor in Visitor Center. Approved up to \$600 at Feb meeting</b>
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). <b>Dec: initial meeting with Elm Grove Cemetery for easement for dock / water access</b>
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	<b>First Selectman is keen to purchase property. Feb EDC will write letter of support to first selectman and then remove this project if purchase proceeds.</b>
6	Cultural District	Work closely with SECT Cultural Coalition to realize establishment of Cultural District(s); membership on AH Commission	Elsie	<b>Feb; Ordinance written for Feb 27th Town Meeting seeking approval to establish 2 Cultural Districts.</b>
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. <b>Jan: Schedule of speakers 99% complete. Need volunteers to help at the fair..</b>
12	Promote Pawcatuck River	Kayak Trail, recreation / tourism, WPWA	OPEN	
13	Establish bikeways	Police Commission supports: help establish network	Kevin	<b>EDC will attend a Feb meeting to be set up with local bike group and state reps and First Selectman</b>
10	Wequetequock Village	Revive Village heritage; dire prerequisites: water, sewer	OPEN	