



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

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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**

**Special Meeting**  
 Tuesday, April 11th, 2023, 6:00 pm  
 SPS District Office, Room 103, 40 Field St, Pawcatuck, CT

**SALLY DUPLICE**  
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- 1) 6:00pm – Call to order
- 2) 6:05pm – Approve Minutes: March 21st<sup>h</sup> Special EDC meeting. Special Joint Meeting Minutes EDC and CCTF 3/16 and 3/23. **Vote required.**
- 3) 6:05pm – New Business
  - a) New EDC member introduction
  - b) Discuss EDC Budget. We have an open PO for additional work by Tony Nanna re Riverwalk. Should we close or extend?
  - c) Discuss need for indemnification from the owner of Stoningtonenergy.com that was used for the Energy Fair
  - d) Energy Fair Bills to be approved. Social Media ads \$64, additional print costs \$335.74 and branding work \$1,000. **Vote required.**
  - e) Ideas for stories for next Stonington1649 eblast
  - f) Support \$ for advertising Bike to work month. **Vote required.**
  - g) Should EDC do an analysis of Stonington STR data? \$130 for all 3 zip codes. **Vote required.**
  - h) Business Outreach brainstorming - Suzanne
- 3) 6:30pm – Old Business
  - a) Revisit discussion on EDC Mission Statement – see bottom left of this page. Draft from last meeting: *“EDC’s mission is to advance the Town’s economic prosperity, and ensure Stonington has a vibrant and sustainable future. KB (missing ‘community’)*
  - b) Town EDC website updates follow-up - Dan
  - 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

## 2023 EDC Goals and Objectives

In Progress - Active

On Hold - awaiting kick-off

### Status Report as of March 2023

No.	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	Don attends Phase 1 meetings, focusing on structure and definitions. Project on hold until Keith Brynes replacement is onboard.
2	Donahue Park Ext	complete survey and permitting; conceptual design; quotes for engineering / construction; explore financing alternatives	Cullen	Cullen and Susan met with DEEP who advised that this is a BIG project. They are concerned about coastal resiliency. The Army Corp of Engineers need to be engaged. This project will bubble along
3	Marketing / Branding / Placemaking	Continue incremental approach to placemaking through branding and wayfinding efforts; Stonington video; use Newsletter to inform and educate	Kevin	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
4	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
5	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
6	Circus Lot / Dahl Oil Lot	Reconnect with Dahl property owner, use completed survey to complete landscape architect conceptual designs for Circus Lot uses	OPEN	The purchase \$\$ have been included in the 2023_24 budget. Grants are being sort for the work. Westerly is supportive of selling the property. This project will come off the EDC project list as the First-Selectman's office will control it going forward.
7	Cultural District	Work closely with SECT Cultural Coalition to realize establishment of Cultural District(s); membership on AH Commission	Elsie	Mar; Ordinance was passed at Feb 27th Town Meeting. Town now soliciting applicants for the seven member Board which should be seated by May 31st. Well done Elsie!
8	Business Outreach	Continue outreach to support new and existing business; leverage Business Directory, seCTer resources.	Suzanne	Nov: database of businesses has been developed, facilitating communication, e.g. provide seCTer info. Mar; Energy Fair postcards were mailed to all commercial property owners.
9	Alternative Energy	Public information / early 2023 Fair. Partner with Climate Change Task Force	Kevin / Don	Fair date set for 3/25 at Mystic Aquarium Research Center. Mar: final arrangements being made
10	Establish bikeways	Police Commission supports: help establish network	Kevin / Don	Don attended the meeting in March with the elected officials and the Bike Stonington group.
11	Promote Pawcatuck River	Kayak Trail, recreation / tourism, WPWA	OPEN	
12	Promote Fishing / Town Dock	Partnering with SNEFLA to promote fishing	OPEN	Nov: Stonington Fresh effort connecting to restaurants, other PR efforts through website
13	Wequetequock Village	Revive Village heritage; dire prerequisites: water, sewer	OPEN	