



**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**

**Regular Meeting**

**Tuesday, May 9th, 2023, 6:00 pm**  
**SPS District Office, Room 103, 40 Field St, Pawcatuck, CT**

- 1) 6:00pm – Call to order
- 2) 6:05pm – Approve Regular meeting Minutes: April 11<sup>th</sup>, Special EDC meeting (re Cultural District) April 18<sup>th</sup>, **Vote required.**
- 3) 6:05pm – **New Business**
  - a) New EDC member introduction
  - b) Department of Planning Update and three strategic vision priorities – Susan Cullen
  - c) Ideas for stories for next Stonington1649 eblast
- 3) 6:30pm – **Old Business**
  - a) Revisit discussion on EDC Mission Statement – see bottom left of this page. Draft from last meeting: *"The EDC's mission is to advance the Town's economic prosperity; foster equitable and sustainable growth; and champion a thriving community."* **Vote required.**
  - b) Town EDC website updates follow-up – Kevin/Hannah
  - c) Business Outreach – Suzanne/Virginia
  - d) Project Review of each of the initiatives – see Table and discuss NEW project ideas for EDC to consider.
- 5) 7:00pm – Standing Items a) POCD Implementation Committee - Virginia
- 6) 7:15pm – Public Comment
- 7) 7:30pm – Adjournment

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## 2023 EDC Goals and Objectives

In Progress - Active  
On Hold - awaiting kick-off

### Status Report as of March 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	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	