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Economic Development Commission
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The EDC's mission is to advance the Town's economic prosperity; foster equitable and sustainable growth; and champion a thriving community.

AGENDA

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, June 13th, 2023, 6:00 pm

SPS District Office, Room 103, 40 Field St, Pawcatuck, CT

- 1) 6:00pm – Call to order
- 2) Approve Regular meeting Minutes May 9th, Special EDC meeting (re Pawcatuck Lighting Project) May 26th, **Vote required.**
- 3) 6:05pm – **New Business**
 - a) New EDC member introduction
 - b) Joseph Violette - Business Retention & Expansion Specialist
Southeastern Connecticut Enterprise Region
- 4) 6:30pm – **Old Business**
 - a) Any edit suggestions from eblast stories re Affordable Housing, Help Wanted and Mission Statement. – Hannah, Suzanne, Kevin
 - b) Any edit suggestions for Town EDC website updates? – Virginia, Charles
 - c) Any additions/edits to attached project list?
 - d) Prioritization and assignment of EDC members to project list.
- 5) 7:15pm – Department of Planning Update – Susan Cullen
Standing Items, a) POCD Implementation Committee - Virginia
- 6) 7:30pm – Public Comment
- 7) 7:45pm – Adjournment

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**2023 EDC Goals and Objectives
Status Report as of June 2023**

No.	2023 Project Initiatives	Key Objectives	EDC	Accomplishments / Latest Progress	Next Steps
1	Comprehensive Zoning Update	Provide Economic Development-specific recommendations.	Don	Ongoing	
2	Donahue Park Ext / Riverwalk	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	Communications/Marketing / Branding	email blasts every 4 to 6 weeks to inform and educate; Stonington video; EDC Social Media	Sarah	Marketing Video a little delayed due to vacation. should be complete by May/June 23.	
4	Stonington Gateways: Exits 90, 91, 92, Mechanic St	Exits 90, 91, 92 "Welcome" Gateway.		New Project awaiting prioritization	
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	Business Outreach	Continue outreach to support new and existing business; leverage Business Directory, seCTer resources	Suzanne /Virginia	Database of businesses has been developed, facilitating communication, and resides on the G drive plus Stonington1649.com map. Email sent in April to all agriculture businesses re SectorRise grants. Email sent to all businesses in May re Westerly Job Fair	
7	Establish bikeways	EDC representative to support Bike Stonington group	Don	April. EDC voted to contribute \$150 towards advertising Bike to Work month.	
8	Alternative Energy	Partner with Climate Change Task Force to see if there is a potential project that could be supported by EDC and CCTF	Kevin	Several meetings have been had with PACE, Energy Fair vendors, museums to understand Community Solar and solar canopy projects.	
9	Developer/Business/Investor Liaison	EDC Representative who can be on call to meet with potential investors in conjunction with Town Hall and Chambers		New Project awaiting prioritization	
10	New Business Welcome & Support	Reach out to newly registered businesses and offer support as and when required. Maintain Stonington Business contact list		New Project awaiting prioritization	
11	Stonington Job Posting Board	Use Indeed/Linkedin to help Stonington employers find staff		New Project awaiting prioritization	
12	Promote Downtown Pawcatuck	EDC Representative who can be on call to help support any downtown Pawcatuck initiatives		New Project awaiting prioritization	
13	Promote Pawcatuck River	Kayak Trail, recreation / tourism, WPWA		New Project awaiting prioritization	
14	Promote Fishing / Town Dock	Partnering with SNEFLA to promote fishing		New Project awaiting prioritization	