



**Town of Stonington  
Economic Development Commission**

152 Elm Street  
Stonington, Connecticut 06378

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advance the Town's  
economic prosperity; foster  
equitable and sustainable  
growth; and champion a  
thriving community.*

**AGENDA**

**Regular Meeting**

**Tuesday, July 11th, 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 June 13th, **Vote required.**
- 3) 6:05pm – **New Business**
  - a) New EDC member introduction
- 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) Review attached project list progress.
- 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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### Status Report as of June 2023

2023 Project Initiatives	Key Objectives	EDC	Accomplishments	Next Steps
Comprehensive Zoning Update	Provide Economic Development-specific recommendations.	Don	Ongoing	
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	
Communications/Marketing / Branding	email blasts every 4 to 6 weeks to inform and educate; Stonington video; EDC Social Media	Kevin/ Sarah	little delayed due to vacation. should be complete by May/June 23.	Meet with Marcus and Thomas to discuss social media strategy. Next eb;last 7/13
Stonington Gateways: Exits 90, 91, 92, Mechanic St	Exits 90, 91, 92 "Welcome" Gateway.	Chris/ Hannah	New Project awaiting prioritization	
Higher-Potential Property Analysis.	property owners to return to productive use; conduct another pass to identify non-performing, abandoned, vacant properties	Cullen/ Chris	Oct: display properties on Google map on Stonington1649; Nov: cont. work on to-be-published map	
Business Outreach	Continue outreach to support new and existing business; leverage Business Directory, seCTer resources	Suzanne/Virginia	has been developed, facilitating communication, and resides on the G drive	
Establish bikeways	EDC representative to support Bike Stonington group	Don	April. EDC voted to contribute \$150 towards advertising Bike to Work month.	
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/ Chris/Don	Several meetings have been had with PACE, Energy Fair vendors, museums to understand Community Solar and solar canopy projects.	Working with Pace and CCTF re Community Solar. Next zoom meeting is 7/10 at 10 am. KB has requested quotes obo Stonington Borough for EV charging stations in Borough/Town
Developer/Business/investor Liaison	EDC Representative who can be on call to meet with potential investors in conjunction with Town Hall and Chambers	Elsie	New Project awaiting prioritization	
New Business Welcome & Support	Reach out to newly registered businesses and offer support as and when required. Maintain Stonington Business contact list	Virginia/Charles	New Project awaiting prioritization	
Promote Pawcatuck	EDC Representative who can be on call to help support any downtown Pawcatuck	Sarah, Don, Chris	New Project awaiting prioritization	
Promote Fishing / Town Dock	Partnering with SNEFLA to promote fishing	Charles/ Hannah	New Project awaiting prioritization	