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Economic Development Commission
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AGENDA

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, October 10th, 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 September 12th, 2023 **Vote required.**
- 3) 6:05pm – **New Business**
 - a) Agree Calendar for EDC Meetings in 2024. **Vote required.**
 - b) Shoreline East Expansion. Consider writing a letter of support to CT DOT. **Vote Required**
 - c) Discuss a letter of support for Affordable Housing project on Liberty St at Rosalini/ Phoenix property. **Vote Required**
 - d) Sustainable CT Update
 - e) Cultural Coalition Update
 - f) Other new business
- 4) 6:30pm – **Old Business**
 - a) 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

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

**EDC
Projects
Status Report as of October 2023**

2023 Project Initiatives	Key Objectives	EDC	Accomplishments / Latest Progress	Next Steps
Comprehensive Zoning Update	Development-specific recommendations.	Don	Ongoing	presently scheduled for PZC meeting on Thursday October 17th at 7pm at Board of Ed. EDC previously had written letter to the PZC regarding areas of concern.
Communications/Marketing / Branding	email blasts every 4 to 6 weeks to inform and educate; Stonington video; EDC Social Media	Sarah/Stephen	Bessette added to Amin of social media sites. eblast WE 9/22. One reel posted to Stonington1649 re oysters.	More posts/links to news stories from eBlast is needed in October. Sam and Marcus are working on the marketing video
Stonington Gateways: Exits 90, 91, 92,	Exits 90, 91, 92 "Welcome"	Chris/Hannah	Attended Beautification Mtg on 8/17/23	Review minutes from previous mtg held re Exit 90 (SC shared); document existing conditions for each exit;
Higher-Potential Property Analysis.	Partner with Town and property	Cullen/Chris	Kevin and Susan had a call with Frank D re Campbell Grain site. Susan has met with a	Oct: display properties on Google map on Stonington1649; Nov: cont. work on to-be-published map
Business Outreach	Continue outreach to support new and	Suzanne/Virginia	Database of businesses has been developed, facilitating communication, and	No Sept update
Establish bikeways	EDC representative to support Bike	Don	April. EDC voted to contribute \$150 towards advertising Bike to Work month.	No October update
Alternative Energy	Partner with Climate Change	Kevin/Chris/Don	Several meetings have been had with PACE, Energy Fair vendors, museums to	No October update - Should this project stay on the list. No Energy Fair is planned for 2024.
Developer/Business/Investor Liaison	EDC Representative who can be on call	Elsie	New Project awaiting prioritization	
New Business Welcome & Support	Reach out to newly registered	Virginia/Charles/Stephen/	New Project awaiting prioritization	Charles and I attended the 21 Rocks ribbon cutting. Sen. Somers spoke to us about the idea of a parking garage in
Promote Pawcatuck	EDC Representative who can be on call	Sarah, Don, Chris	New Project awaiting prioritization	Thread Mill project is progressing. On 10/3/23 PZC granted applicant's zoning change request from MC-80 to
Promote Fishing / Town Dock	Partnering with SNEFLA to promote	Charles/Hannah	Initial communication established with TM	Follow up with TM to schedule meeting time; review history of project doc shared by TM
Donahue Park Ext / Riverwalk	complete survey and permitting; conceptual design;	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	No Oct update
Expansion of Shoreline East	Work with municipal leaders and businesses to communicate to DoT expansion	Stephen	10/3 Bessette attended CT DoT rail study meeting in Groton, spoke with 1st Selectman's Cheseborough on letter of support	Formalize letter of support from Selectman's office and other key business groups (Chamber)