



**Town of Stonington**  
**Cultural District Commission**  
 152 Elm Street  
 Stonington, Connecticut 06378

*Regular Meeting*  
**Cultural District Commission**  
**Monday, October 16, 2023, 5 pm**  
 Woolworth Library and Research Center  
 40 Palmer Street, Stonington, CT 06378

**COMMISSIONERS**

- Anthony Caporale  
Regular Member
- R. Douglass Rice  
Regular Member
- Laura Hopkins  
Regular Member
- Gabriella Radujko  
Regular Member, Scribe
- Paul Geise  
Regular Member, Chair
- Elizabeth Wood  
Regular Member
- Matthew Beaudoin, Vice  
Chair  
Regular Member
- Susan Lavender  
Alternate Member
- Marya Ursin  
Alternate Member
- Sandra Alexander  
Alternate Member
- Daniel Brandl  
Alternate Member
- Jessica Cerullo  
Alternate Member

Call to order by Paul Geise, Cultural District Commission Chair

- 1) Review and acceptance of the inaugural CDC minutes from 9/11/23
- 2) **Opening activity:** Q1- *How is it you came to this place?*  
Q2- *What do you consider your greatest strength?*
- 3) Review schedule of '23/24 meeting dates: 11/13, 12/11, 1/8, 2/12, 3/11, 4/8, 5/13, 6/10, 7/8,8/12,9/9,10/TBD,11/TBD,12/9 [email Gabriella if you will be absent from a meeting]:  
Vote.
- 4) Discussion of options available for central repository for shared CD information and documents
- 5) Assess what specific committee work has been done and collected materials compiled. (Prior meeting recap) What has been accomplished so far: Analysis and discussion of application checklist. Identify the remaining items needed for the application: items to complete  
*Application for Designation:* Member assignments.
- 6) Discuss and develop a timeline for what Commission work needs to be done, differentiating between mechanical process and developmental process.
- 7) Begin brainstorming on more strategic items ... marketing, branding, social media, community engagement, outreach to other models (see list below), education, stakeholder growth, funding, signage, cheese, etc.
- 8) Discuss monitoring and cataloging language/definitions we will use (JC) when crafting our messages to internal and external audiences and guidelines for naming CDC documents (MB).
- 9) Review prior models: Assign the review of the current Designations to one or more members or form a sub-committee to assess.  
 -Ridgefield, established April, 2021 <https://www.ridgefieldct.com/culture>  
 -Torrington, established April, 2022 <https://www.itshappeninghere.com/>  
 -New London, established April, 2022 <https://www.facebook.com/newlondonculturaldistrict> and learn more about New London at <https://visitnewlondon.org> .  
 -Wethersfield, established May, 2022 [HistoricWethersfield.org](https://www.historicwethersfield.org)  
 -Bristol, established August, 2022
- 10) **Handouts:** Robert's Rules "Cheat Sheet" to ensure our meetings demonstrate "best practices." *Application for Designation* Checklist, Commission Contact list draft
- 11) Public Comment; Running recap by Scribe and request for input on what should go on the next agenda.
- 12) Adjournment

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