



**Town of Stonington**  
**Economic Development Commission**  
 152 Elm Street  
 Stonington, Connecticut 06378

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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**

**Special Meeting**

**Tuesday, November 21st, 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 October 11th,2023 **Vote required.**
- 3) 6:05pm – **New Business**
  - a) Stonington Marketing Video review and feedback
  - b) Election of new EDC Chair and Vice-Chair. **Vote required.**
  - c) 2024 Budget submission
  - d) New EDC member skillsets required
  - e) Ideas for guest invites to 2024 meetings
  - f) December meeting?
  - g) Other new business
- 4) 6:45pm – **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

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| EDC Projects   |  | Status Report as of October 2023 |                                | Accomplishments / Latest Progress   |     | Next Steps  |     |
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| 2023 Project Initiatives                               | Key Objectives   | EDC                              | EDC                            | Accomplishments / Latest Progress   | EDC | Next Steps  | EDC |
| Comprehensive Zoning Update                            | Provide Economic Development-  | Don                              | Don                            | Ongoing   | Don | Adoption of Phase 1 of the new zoning regulations presently scheduled for PZC meeting on Thursday October 17th at 7pm at Board of Ed. EDC previously had written  |     |
| Communications/Marketing / Branding                    | Inform and educate; Stonington video; EDC Social Media   | Sarah/Stephen                    | Sarah/Stephen                  | Bessette added to Amin of social media sites. Several new posts added across the platforms. Next eblast WE 9/22. One reel posted to Stonington1649 re oysters (1000+ views, biggest engagement on Instagram so far). More posts/links to news stories from eblast is needed in September. Sam and Marcus are working on the marketing video | Don | Continue posting content. Follow up with Marcus re: additional reels/posts. [Q: what is his commitment re: # and timing?] Next eblast scheduled? First cut of the marketing video is expected 10/13/2023.   |     |
| Stonington Gateways: Exits 90, 91, 92, "Welcome"       | Partner with Town and Property   | Chris/Hannah                     | Chris/Hannah                   | Attended Beautification Mtg on 8/17/23  | Don | Review minutes from previous mtg held re Exit 90 (SC shared); document existing conditions for each exit; continue to attend beautification mtgs and have Sept: Kevin and Susan to have a call with Frank D re Campbell Grain site. Oct: display properties on Google map on Stonington1649; Nov: cont. work on to-be-published |     |
| Higher-Potential Property Analysis.                    | Partner with Town  | Cullen/Chris                     | Cullen/Chris                   |   | Don |   |     |
| Business Outreach                                      | Continue outreach to support new and EDC representative  | Suzanne/Virg Inia                | Suzanne/Virg Inia              | Database of businesses has been developed, facilitating communication, and April. EDC voted to contribute \$150 towards advertising Bike to Work month.   | Don | No October update   |     |
| Establish bikeways                                     | Partner with Climate Change  | Kevin/Chris/Don                  | Kevin/Chris/Don                | Several meetings have been had with PACE, Energy Fair vendors, museums to   | Don | No October update   |     |
| Alternative Energy Developer/Business/Investor Liaison | EDC Representative who can be on call  | Elsie                            | Elsie                          | New Project awaiting prioritization   | Don | No October update   |     |
| New Business   | Reach out to newly registered  | Virginia/Charles/Stephen/Chris   | Virginia/Charles/Stephen/Chris | New Project awaiting prioritization   | Don | CW and VA I attended the 21 Rocks ribbon cutting. Sen. Somers spoke to us about the idea of a parking garage in Stonington. We told her to reach out to Danielle so they  |     |
| Welcome & Support                                      | EDC Representative who can be on call  | Sarah, Don, Chris                | Sarah, Don, Chris              | New Project awaiting prioritization   | Don | Thread Mill project is progressing. On 10/3/23 PZC granted applicant's zoning change request from MC-80 to Industrial Heritage Reuse District (IHRD-5). Applicant also  |     |
| Promote Pawcatuck Town Dock                            | Partnering with SNEFLA to promote complete survey and permitting; conceptual design; quotes for engineering / construction; explore financing alternatives | Charles/Hannah                   | Charles/Hannah                 | Initial communication established with TM   | Don | Follow up with TM to schedule meeting time; review history of project doc shared by TM  |     |
| Donahue Park Ext / Riverwalk                           | Work with municipal leaders and businesses to communicate to DOT expansion   | Cullen                           | 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   | Don | No October update   |     |
| Expansion of Shoreline message                         | Work with municipal leaders and businesses to communicate to DOT expansion   | Bessette                         | Bessette                       | 10/3 Bessette attended CT DOT rail study meeting in Groton, spoke with 1st Selectman's Chesebrough on letter of support   | Don | Formalize letter of support from Selectman's office and other key business groups (Chamber)   |     |