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Economic Development Commission
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AGENDA

Special Virtual Meeting
Thursday, December 17, 2020, 6:00 pm

INSTRUCTIONS TO JOIN VIRTUAL MEETING BELOW

- 1) 6:00 pm – Call to order.
- 2) 6:05 pm – Roll Call.
- 3) 6:10 pm – Approval of prior minutes: 11/19/20 Special Virtual Meeting. **Vote required.**
- 4) 6:15 pm – EDC Initiatives #8, #9, #11 – Housing Strategy, Land Bank, Incentivize Workforce Housing: **Special Guest Don Poland** will provide a status update regarding development of the Affordable Housing Plan. EDC discussion and comment.
- 5) 7:00 pm – New Business:
 - a) Refresh EDC Initiatives – set stage for January prioritization exercise. EDC members will be asked to submit project / initiatives ideas to supplement / replace current initiatives list (below table) and the DoP projects informed primarily by CIP budget requests.
- 6) 7:15 pm – Adjournment.

Dave Hammond, Chairman
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*EDC Mission:
 To assist in the establishment of new business in Stonington; finding business locations; State of Connecticut and local assistance and incentives; introductions to area officials and business leaders; and area statistics and information.*

Reference: EDC 11 Initiatives table below

Stonington EDC – Project Status Report



Goal Theme	Project / Initiative / Task	Status as of Dec 11	Immediate Next Steps
Downtown Pawcatuck	1. Develop Campbell Grain building lot	Developer presented proposal to downtown business community 7/7/20; EDC hosted Community Conversation 7/29/20; Wetlands Permit granted 9/3/20; PZC approval 9/15/20; CHFA application submitted to CHFA 11/20; Drafted <i>Talking Points</i> to explain Winn request for a Fixed Assessment	Fixed Assessment <i>Talking Points</i> to be submitted to BoS; CHFA financing award to be communicated April 2021
	2. Pawcatuck Historic Structure designation –	Application submitted to SHPO 5/20; Have requested SHPO to consider full app. SHPO comments received 9/8; only 4 buildings recommended for recognition. Town reps met with consultant 10/8 – decision made that SHPO will not budge so submit as is	Consultant instructed to submit revised application with 4 properties that SHPO has said are eligible, timing TBD)
	3. Acquire Circus Lot / Potential Uses	First Selectperson and EDC Chair met with Westerly officials 7/8/20 who are open to reversion of deed to Stonington: \$1 CIP priority “B”. Ph 1 EA follow-ups complete, no significant findings	Decide next steps: Phase 2 (\$20K quote); CIP; purchase; landscape architect ‘conceptual drawings’. Make recommendation to Town for next steps
	4. Pawcatuck Riverwalk	On hold pending formation of a Town task force; \$20K CIP funding available for survey / permit; \$1 CIP priority “B” for Rte 1 – Donahue park section.	Need to restart effort; lay groundwork for establishing Task Force. In meantime, build temporary wood connector ‘prototype’ between Rte 1 and Donahue for community PR and proof of concept (need ~\$5K)
	5. Pawcatuck Streetscape	On hold; \$20K CIP funding available	On hold
Brand	6. Marketing – branding / placemaking	Stonington1649.com website development and content ongoing; EDC members to write articles for website, Town Events mag	Leverage website (ongoing); DoP intern to perform content management function
	7. Wayfinding – BETA	Vacate CIP request; coordinate through Town DPW	Maintain effort
Housing	8. Housing strategy	Town won a State Grant to fund to contract a professional to write Plan. 9/22 EDC: Don Poland presented Work Plan; 10/27 EDC: Don Poland EDC meeting presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10/27: overview and demographics 11/19: regulation review 	EDC to participate in research and public outreach; status report at Dec 17 EDC meeting
	9. Land Bank	White paper written and submitted to inform possible inclusion in 8. Housing Strategy. 10/28: Don Poland has provided sources for EDC research	Consider for Initiative #8
	10. Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Districts	On hold pending State and Federal programs	On hold
	11. Incentivize Workforce Housing	White paper could be written to inform possible inclusion in 8. Housing Strategy	EDC to do research; consider for Initiative #8

Note: Shading denotes initiative largely completed and in “maintenance” mode

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