



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

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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.*

AGENDA

Special Virtual Meeting
Tuesday, May 11, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

[INSTRUCTIONS TO JOIN VIRTUAL MEETING BELOW](#)

- 1) 6:00 p.m. – Call to order.
- 2) 6:05 p.m. – Roll Call.
- 3) 6:10 p.m. – Approval of prior minutes: 4/8 TC-80 Subcommittee meeting; 4/13 Regular EDC meeting; 4/22 Joint BoS / EDC meeting. **Vote required.**
- 4) 6:15 p.m. – New Business:
 - a) 6:15 p.m. – Sergio Cherenzia, representing the applicant, will present plans for the long-vacant “Sailor Ed’s” restaurant building on Old Stonington Rd to include a Special Use Permit application for the renovation of existing restaurant and permit six (6) outdoor vendors. The EDC will consider offering a Letter Support. **Vote required.**
 - b) 6:45 p.m. – Brainstorm potential candidates that could be approached to consider applying for upcoming PZC slots (Dave).
- 5) 6:45 p.m. – Old Business:
 - a) Status Update of 8 Areas of Focus projects by Team Leads (see Table).
 - b) Status Update of any individually-driven efforts (see Table). Special focus:
 - i) Consider pursuing effort to establish a Cultural District (s) in partnership with the SECT Cultural Coalition. Pete will provide a proposal for EDC to consider and endorse next steps. **Vote required.**
 - c) Update on applications to EDC OPEN slot (Dave).
- 6) 8:00 p.m. – Adjournment.

Dave Hammond, Chairman
 Economic Development Commission

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Goal Theme	2021-2022 Project Plan Areas of Focus	Ref: Rank	SubTeam Lead	Team Members (any EDC member or the public can join)	Comment
Pawcatuck	Circus Lot Acquisition / Master Plan; "Unstick" Dahl Oil Lot	1 7	Jim	Kevin, Suzanne, Dan, Virginia, Cullen, John, Chris, Dave, Bill	Circus Lot: CIP Request: \$42.5K '21-22; \$50K '22-23; coordinate purchase and conceptual planning; Dahl: Outreach with owner ongoing, motivator is drive-thru for S. Broad Bess Eaton; possible "Master Plan" with abutting Circus Lot. FY21 EDC budget - approved \$6K survey, \$1K digital
	Mechanic St mills - Harris / CT Trust plan, Yardney, Threadmill South	8 T10	Rich	Jim, Bill, Dave	Yardney: Restart overtures to connect with owners; Threadmill: conceptual drawing (EDC budget use?)
	Pawcatuck River Greenway - Phase 1; Pawcatuck Streetscape	3 T10	Dave / Susan	Kevin, Jim, Suzanne, Rich, Virginia, Pete, Chris, Dan, Bill	Riverwalk: CIP Request: \$1 '21-22; \$20K approved '20-21 CIP funding for survey / permit; Apr: met w/ On-Site Eng for survey permit work; Streetscape: \$20K approved '20-21 CIP funding; partner with Beautification Committee
	Pedestrian Bridge Engineering Design	6	Jim	Dave, Kevin, Suzanne, Virginia, Pete, Chris	CIP Request: \$1 '21-22; integral to EDC vision for Pawcatuck
Townwide	Stuck Property Analysis; "Unstick" Exit 92 - potential for lifestyle center with added residential	9 13	Cullen	John, Kevin, Jim, Rich, Dan, Pete, Dave, Suzanne, Chris	Identify issues / hurdles, seek resolution, attract developers; Outreach to owners of large parcels; assist with marketing strategies; track developer interest and support as needed
	Comprehensive Zoning Update	2	DoP	Dave, Kevin, Jim, Dan, Virginia, John, Cullen	CIP Request: \$75K '21-22; \$75K '22-23; EDC: PV-5 update; drive-thrus; signage; +
	Housing strategy / Affordable Housing Plan	5	DoP	Dave, Kevin, Jim, Suzanne, Rich, Dan, Virginia, Pete, John, Cullen	Assist Don Poland through Plan completion / submittal
Exit 90	TC-80 / Stonington Gateway - realize economic potential	4	Kevin	Dave, Dan, Pete, John	"Master Plan" - create vision with community input, lifestyle center to include residential; leverage UCONN study re Gateway and Coogan Blvd; Apr: subcommittee creates vision doc, working on survey

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	Individually Driven Efforts				
	Pandemic-related business outreach	14	Suzanne		Help solve challenges
	Parking	15	John		Assist with parking study(s), regulations in Comp Rewrite
	Cultural District	16	Pete / Wendy Bury	Dave	Restart effort / Partner with Cultural Coalition (Wendy); Apr: Wendy presented, Pete to write proposal for action
	Stillmanville Mill Environmental Assessment	17	Dave / Cullen		CIP Request: \$1 '21-22; \$200K '22-23; Use TBD pending concepts / community input; Feb: pre-App approved; Apr: Assessment Grant App submitted
	Maritime / Marinas	18	Dan		Follow-up outreach to marinas, capitalize on recent boating surge, pursue water taxi idea
	Develop Grain building lot	20	Dave	EDC	Support Fixed Assessment at Town Meeting; continue partner with WinnCos
	Community / Tourism Wayfinding Signs	21	Kevin		CIP Request: \$5K '21-22; \$5K '22-23; EDC can develop list and set priority
	POCD	22	Dave	EDC	CIP Request: \$30 '21-22; \$30K '22-23; +. Chance for EDC input
	Marketing - branding / placemaking	25	Kevin		branding complete; website launched; website refresh ongoing; Apr: approved \$100/mo EDC budget for website support
	Stonington Magazine article submissions	26	Kevin	EDC contributors	per editorial Calendar (Kevin)
	Agriculture / Aquaculture	27	Dave / Ward Smith	Liaise with Ward	Ag Committee initiatives continue (Ward Smith); monitor fishing industry needs; Apr: LI-130 Ag use LoS
	Hold and Monitor				
	Bicycle / Walking / Greenway Plan	12	Hold		CIP Request: \$1 '21-22; \$100K '22-23; community outreach opportunity
	Continue to advance TIF	19	Hold		Draft policy to lead to Town meeting for approval
	Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Districts	24	Hold		Monitor State grant opportunities (currently unfunded)
	Stillmanville Mill Brownfield Remediation	23	Hold		Request: \$1 '21-22; Partner with ECLB; Use TBD pending concepts / community input

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