



Town of Stonington Economic Development Commission

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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
Wednesday, August 19, 2020, 6:00 pm

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- 1) Call to order:
- 2) Roll Call:
- 3) Approval of prior minutes: 7/20/20 Special Virtual Meeting; 7/29 Virtual Community Conversation.
- 4) EDC Initiative #2 – Pawcatuck Historic Structure designation. Application was submitted to SHPO May 20. Determine status of application. (Susan / Keith)
- 5) EDC Initiative #3 – Acquire Circus Lot: Discuss status of Request for Proposal from Kropp to test ground water via test wells and analyze core soil samples especially in vicinity of pump house (fill). Determine timing for work. (Jim)
- 6) EDC Initiative #6 – Marketing / Branding: Discuss need for dedicated social media content manager. (Kevin)
- 7) EDC Initiative #8 – Housing Strategy: State statute requires an Affordable Housing Strategy to be submitted to the State. The Town has been awarded a grant to fund a professional to develop the Plan. Discuss how EDC members can participate and contribute – actions and timing. (Dave / Susan)
- 8) Past EDC Initiative – Targeted Community Investment (TIF). The EDC has done considerable research and fact finding towards drafting a Policy, and introduced the idea to the community at an April 2019 Community Conversation. In spite of the pandemic, investment interest is picking up in Town. Discuss if it is time to resurrect this effort in order to direct incremental tax revenues to needed infrastructure and other uses that would satisfy the “but for” criteria and make investments viable.
- 9) Adjournment:

Dave Hammond, Chairman
Economic Development Commission

Reference: EDC 11 Initiatives table below

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JOIN WEBEX MEETING

<https://townofstonington.webex.com/townofstonington/j.php?MTID=m71aed1716d4d3b8edb32a875ec89c804>

Meeting number (access code): 129 141 9327

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	Project / Initiative / Task	Status as of August 14	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	Developer to submit applications to Town
	2. Pawcatuck Historic Structure designation –	Application submitted to SHPO 5/20	Seek status of NRHP SHPO app. Have requested SHPO to consider full app.
	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”	Complete Phase 1 EA follow-ups – ground water via test wells, and soil core samples in vicinity of pump house (especially fill)
	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	Leverage website (ongoing)
	7. Wayfinding – BETA	On hold pending funding; \$1 CIP priority “B”	On hold
Housing	8. Housing strategy	Town has applied for State Grant to fund to contract a professional to write Plan	Determine how EDC can support writing of the Plan
	9. Land Bank	White paper could be written to inform possible inclusion in 8. Housing Strategy	EDC to do research
	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	Explore updating Zoning Regs for Inclusionary Zoning / payment in-lieu-of.