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

DRAFT MINUTES
Special Meeting
Sub-committee of EDC for Cultural District
Tuesday, July 19, 2022, 6:00 p.m.
Human Services, 166 S. Broad St., Pawcatuck, CT

Attending: SECT Cultural Coalition: Wendy Bury; EDC: Dave Hammond; ad hoc: Gabriella Radujko, Matt Beaudoin, Susan Scala, Victoria Scala Schwartz

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Discussion included:

a) Review of the current cultural asset inventory. The list contains non-cultural asset establishments, such as restaurants; this is a great comprehensive list which will be key for developing marketing materials that show visitors amenities that complement the cultural district destinations. Guiding Principle: “Can you visit it?”. Check with Town Hall for a list of “home-based businesses” for any that can be included in cultural asset inventory.

b) Need to add “cultural events”, e.g. Blessing of the Fleet, 4th of July parade, Garden Tour, Lobster Pot Tree, and so on.

c) Need to vet list with the culture community: “who are we missing?”. Need to add Velvet Mill – consider adding as a single entity rather than listing each business separately; the reference can be the The Velvet Mill website which is updated by the Mill management and provides details for each establishment.

d) Next Steps:
   i) Complete the cultural asset inventory. Categorize cultural assets using SECT Cultural Coalition “Creative Economy Business” framework, and distinguish from non-cultural asset entities.
   ii) Refine the map. The next meeting will include a working session to draw the boundaries.
   iii) Create timeline (Wendy and Elsie) and review at next meeting to set action plans
   iv) Elsie to set next meeting – consider September.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Hammond, EDC Chair, on behalf of subcommittee lead Elsie Bisset