



# Town of Stonington Economic Development Commission

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*EDC Goals:  
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.*

## FINAL MINUTES

### Regular Meeting

Wednesday, September 18, 2019

Human Services Building  
166 South Broad Street, Pawcatuck, CT

Attending: EDC – Dave Hammond, Kevin Bowdler, Jim Lathrop, Suzanne Lane, Danielle Chesebrough, Virginia Abernathy, Pete Robinson, Kristine Halleck, Bill Hobbs; 3 SHS students

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

Minutes for the 6/19/19 Regular Meeting, and 6/20/19 and 9/5/19 Special Meetings were APPROVED. Motion: Jim; Second: Kevin. **ALL IN FAVOR.**

Old Business – Ongoing EDC Initiatives:

- a) Grain team: First pass conceptual drawings were reviewed at a 9/5/19 Special Meeting and input given. The feedback will inform concept revisions.

New Business:

- a) New London Small Business Workshops can be used as a model for Stonington Community Conversation for outreach to local business.
- b) The Arts & Economic Development Workshop occurs Oct 4.
- c) The EDC will join the SECT Cultural Coalition and authorized a \$350 contribution. Motion: Jim; Second: Suzanne. **ALL IN FAVOR.**
- d) Kevin will take lead in writing submissions for Stonington Magazine under the EDC's Branding initiative (see project plan).

2019-2020 EDC Planning Activity:

- a) 2018-2019 Successes and Accomplishments were reviewed. Well done!
- b) Potential Areas of Focus for 2019-2020 were discussed and prioritized. The table below summarizes the project plan for the coming months as agreed by the EDC.

The Department of Planning Report was deferred.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dave Hammond, Chairman  
Economic Development Commission

David Hammond, Chairman  
Approved October 16, 2019

2019-2020 Stonington EDC Planning Document  
Project Plan

|                    | Project / Initiative / Task                     | 2019 Progress / Description / Scope  | 2019-2020 Planning Notes  | Project Leader | Timing | Resource    |
|--------------------|---|--|---|----------------|--------|-------------|
| Downtown Pawcatuck | Grain building lot - pre-approved site plan     | Conceptual drawings - Community Conversation   | Continue High Priority Project  | Jim            |        | \$6K (EDC)  |
|                    | Pawcatuck Historic Structure designation        | in-progress - see to completion  | Key element of Pawcatuck revitalization effort  | Dave           |        |             |
|                    | Acquire Circus Lot / Potential Uses             | May 2019 cleanup; acquire or not / land bank / enviro study (budget); options for uses                   | Develop a Plan of Action for options for use and implementation plan; Stage another cleanup day                   | Bill           |        |             |
|                    | Pawcatuck Riverwalk                             | Bulkhead spec to derive cost per linear foot   | Monitor and contribute; Ref POCD 13.2.9 (DPW) for pedestrian bridge component                                     | OPEN           | TBD    |             |
|                    | Pawcatuck Streetscape                           | How to spend \$40K approved CIP money  | Monitor and contribute to CIP effort  | OPEN           | TBD    | \$40K (DoP) |
| TOD                | Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Districts    | Pawcatuck: Walkable downtowns; Consider < 1 car per residential unit within X distance of public transit | First step: Research and White Paper to inform Community Conversation; link to pedestrian bridge effort           | OPEN           | TBD    |             |
| Brand              | Marketing - branding / placemaking / wayfinding | branding complete; website development ongoing; wayfinding (BETA) opportunity                            | Continue High Priority Project  | Kevin          |        |             |
|                    | Wayfinding - BETA                               | allocate EDC budget / seek cost-share with beneficiaries   | Combine with "Marketing" initiative   | Kevin          |        |             |
| Housing            | Housing strategy                                | Area of Focus; SECHA Stonington Housing Profile  | Continue High Priority Project; draft Affordable Housing Plan (state requirement) and Stonington Housing Strategy | Dave           |        |             |
|                    | Land Bank                                       | Incorporate in Housing Strategy  | Combine with "Housing" initiative   | Dave           |        |             |
|                    | Incentivize Workforce Housing                   | 10% affordable included for projects > 10 units, or in lieu-of payment                                   | Combine with "Housing" initiative   | Dave           |        |             |