



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

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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, January 16, 2019

Human Services Building

166 South Broad Street, Pawcatuck, CT

Attending: EDC – Dave Hammond, Jim Lathrop, Pete Robinson, Bill Hobbs, Chris Donahue;
 Dept of Planning: Jason Vincent; Westerly Sun: Catherine Hewitt; Public: Tom Fiore, Kristine
 Halleck, 26+ SHS students.

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

Minutes from Special Meetings of Nov 14, Nov 26, Dec 29, 2018, and Jan 9, 2019 were
 approved. **Motion:** Pete; **Second:** Bill; **All in Favor.**

EDC Initiative Work Plan Updates – see Table below:

Note: member Pete Robinson needed to leave and EDC lost its quorum. Action to endorse
 a Letter of Support for the 126 S Broad St project deferred to Jan 24, 2019 Special Meeting.

Department of Planning Report: a review of PZC approvals and pending applications was
 given.

The Town Budget cycle was reviewed. The EDC has submitted its request for Fiscal 2019-
 2020. The Department of Planning and WPCA CIP proposals were considered. Letters of
 Support for the DoP projects and WPCA I&I CIP requests were proposed; lacking a quorum
 this action will be considered at the Jan 24, 2019 Special Meeting.

A proposal for enhancing the Downtown Pawcatuck Streetscape was reviewed. A Letter of
 Recommendation to replace overgrown trees with decorative planters and evergreens to
 the Board of Selectman has been drafted; lacking a quorum this action will be considered
 at the Jan 24, 2019 Special Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Dave Hammond, Chairman
 Economic Development Commission

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 Approved February 20, 2019

Stonington Economic Development Commission - January 2019 Report					1/18/2019
2018-2019 Plan					Completed Actions (since last EDC in RED)
Potential Areas of	Team	January Minutes	January Meeting Notes	Next Steps	
1 Grain building lot - conceptual drawing and marketing strategy	Jim (Lead), Dave, Danielle, Rich, Suzanne	Team met 12/20/18 and 1/9/19; exploring sources of funding, request in 2019-20 budget; in discussions with owner for marketing strategies including drone footage; identified supporting actions (e.g. amenity map, rent comps, grand list growth and multiplier analysis, etc)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next meeting 1/24 continue discussions with owner. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> finalize RFQ for architectural conceptual drawings pending owner parallel action conduct PV-5 parking study brainstorm with developers hold Community Conversation market idea to developers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> formed a team rough DRAFT conceptual drawing RFQ v1.0; v2.0 (11/12) Team Meetings: 10/30, 11/14, 12/20, 1/9 budget request submitted ongoing discussions with owner
2 Continue to advance Targeted Community Investment (TCI) using TIF	Rich (Lead), Kevin, Dave, Jim, Pete, Sal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> no report 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> schedule next team meeting plan Community Conversation: awareness, acceptance, what do residents want to achieve with tool 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11/7 Team Meeting Action Plan drafted
3 Marketing - branding / placemaking / wayfinding	Kevin (Lead), Dan, Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> no report 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> continue website development 	
4 Pawcatuck Historic Structure designation	Jim (Lead), Dave	No activity		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Track: CT designation of 5 bldgs in downtown Pawcatuck; submission to US Dept Interior explore eligibility for grants and tax credits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> met with CT officials (Sept 2018) to review neighborhood and candidates
5 Acquire Circus Lot / Potential Uses	Bill (lead), DoP, Team pending	Acquisition proposal sent to Conservation Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> follow up with Conservation Commission 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hold a Community Conversation Engage a Landscape Architect to draft a Master Plan Understand cost 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter of Recommendation sent to Conservation Commission 10/22
6 Stillman Ave mill	DoP, Team pending	Grant form environmental study submitted to CT but was not funded	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to seek funding for study. Deterioration of mill accelerating, making demo most likely outcome 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> continue discussion of historic designation; drawback - if designated, will that prevent demo if no developer can be found? need a strategy to gain community and Town official support for preservation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter of Support for Brownfield Grant Application sent to First Selectman 10/31 Grant application submitted, but was not funded
7 UCONN CE projects - PV pedestrian bridge / riverwalk / Mystic Train Station	DoP, UCONN	Three senior project teams of UCONN Civil Engineering Students, designs to be delivered April 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> have met with three project teams. Students will explore options and draft designs. Project completion April 2019 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> leverage designs to facilitate Community Conversations with property owners and Town officials 	
8 TC-80 Community Conversation #2 w/ UCONN Gateway plans	TBD	Agreed to plan a Community Conversation for late Feb 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jason to find date Pete to plan Community Conversation (venue, supplies) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> track to TCI, plan meeting 	
9 Housing strategy	Dave (Lead), Chris, Kristene	Discussed 126 S Broad St 830G proposal. Letter of Support for 2/5 PZC to be drafted (Dave)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan team meeting to develop action plan (Dave) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11/8 Housing Strategy meeting with David Fink team formed