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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, April 18, 2018

Human Services Building

166 South Broad Street, Pawcatuck, CT

Attendees: EDC: Dave Hammond, Kevin Bowdler, Jim Lathrop, Suzanne Lane, Danielle Chesebrough, Pete Robinson, Bill Hobbs; GMCC: All Valente; Westerly EDC: Dan Lathrop; Mystic Knotworks: Matt Beaudoin

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m.
2. The Minutes for 5 meetings were approved: March 22 EDC; March 27 TIF Subcommittee; March 30 Agriculture Subcommittee; April 9 TC-80 / UCONN Landscape Architects Project; April 11 Liberty St Subcommittee. Motion: Dave Hamond; Second: Kevin Bowdler; All in Favor.
3. Old Business:
 - a) **Gateway to Stonington / TC-80** – Met with students of UCONN Landscape Architecture Department. They will produce conceptual designs for a more welcoming “Gateway to Stonington” as well as enhanced aesthetics and pedestrian-vehicle balance. Designs to be presented in early May, at which point the EDC can decide to hold a Community Conversation to engage property owners, investors, and residents.
 - b) **Branding / Placemaking / Wayfinding** – EDC website development continues. Meeting with RE professionals and others to seek funding.
 - c) **Cultural Asset Inventory Initiative** – Jake reported he is building an inventory of cultural assets; Kevin and Dave will check in with Jake week of April 23 for guidance; Jake to share inventory by May 16 EDC meeting
 - d) **Liberty St Subcommittee** – Next step to organize exploratory Neighborhood Association meeting: Danielle to develop list of invitees, Sal is drafting invite; meeting date set for May 30 at Pawcatuck Fire House. The EDC has conducted a Title Search on the Circus Lot; next steps include conducting a Phase 1 environmental study once a quote has been obtained and preparing a proposal for Board of Selectman consideration.
 - e) **TIF Subcommittee** – Met with subject matter expert Michael Andreana of Pullman and Comley who drafted the 2015 CT legislation. Next steps include drafting a Policy and launching awareness program to achieve support.
 - f) **Pawcatuck Village Update** – Downtown Pawcatuck Seminar is being organized for May 11 or 18 at PNC for investors, property owners, RE professional, residents to learn more about new approved and future tools: PV-5 and HMD contemporized zoning, change in lookback period to 1-year, TIF.

- g) **Aquaculture Economic Cluster:** Ward attended April 18 meeting regarding LI Sound windfarm proposal impact on fisheries; a “Meet Your Local Fisherman” event is planned to coincide with the Blessing of the Fleet, July 26.
 - h) **Agriculture Committee Report:** A Farm-to-Table Chef-Farmer meet and greet event is being explored for the Fall.
 - i) **EDC-sponsored Community Conversations** – None pending, no discussion.
 - j) **Budget Review** – Requested budget increase to \$7,770 has survived Board of Selectman and Board of Finance Review and will go to Town Referendum. The EDC is thankful for this support, which shows recognition of the Commission’s contributions.
4. New Business:
- a) **Housing:** A Community Conversation regarding Accessory Dwelling Units is planned for May 31.
 - b) **Bikeways Plans:** Deferred.
 - c) **EDC Comprehensive Economic Development Plan:** Deferred.
5. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Hammond, Chairman
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Approved May 16, 2018