



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

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Alternate

**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, June 21, 2017**  
**7:00 P.M.**

Human Services Building  
166 South Broad Street, Pawcatuck, CT

**Present:** David Hammond, Kevin Bowdler, Ward Smith, Virginia Abernathy, Jason Vincent – Director of Planning

**Regrets:** Joel Valenti, Rich Balestracci, Danielle Chesebrough, Suzanne Lane, Edward Planeta, Pete Robinson, Blunt White

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Lacking a quorum, minutes for the May 17, 2017 and May 19, 2017 meetings were not approved.
3. Comments from the Public – there were no members of the public present.
4. Comments from Planning Department – included in minutes below.
5. Old Business:
  - a) **Economic Cluster Status Reports:** Virginia shared an early draft for her Lodging cluster two-pager (POCD 10.2.1, 10.4.2). Members please continue to work on these (see below).
  - b) **PV-5 Zone up date for downtown Pawcatuck:** the zone update will be scheduled for public hearing at an August PZC meeting. **Action:** Dave and Kevin will combine to write a Letter of Support. (POCD 8.1.5, 8.3.2, 10.2.4, supports 10.2.5).
  - c) **EDC-sponsored Community Forums** (similar to PV-5) (POCD 9.3.4, 10.2.5):  
**Agreed:** the EDC will sponsor and organize, along with the Department of Planning, the listed Community Forums, supporting the Comprehensive Update to the zoning regulations as called for by the POCD:
    - **TC-80 zone update – June 26 (Lead: Kevin):** discussed final preparations; authorized \$100 for purchase of snacks and drinks for Forum attendees.
    - **Proposed M-2 zone update – July 25:** Danielle has volunteered to lead.
    - **Old Mystic (CS-5) – August TBD:** Virginia has volunteered to lead.
    - **LS-5 / DB-5 (Mystic) zone update (MV) – Sept TBD:** Rich nominated to lead, pending his agreement.
    - **Exit 92 (HI-60, CS-5, M-1) – Oct TBD:** Kevin has volunteered to lead**Action:** Kevin and Ward to send step-by-step process to EDC members (i.e. schedule Forums, invite participants, publicize, conduct Forums, use input to

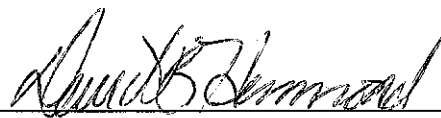
assist Department of Planning with draft comprehensive rewrites that would be received for public hearing at the PZC).

6. New Business:

- a) **EDC Comprehensive Economic Development Plan:** Jason has created a first draft Plan within which the EDC Cluster 2-pagers will be incorporated (POCD 10.2.1, 10.4.2). **Future Action:** Once Jason has completed the first draft, it will be circulated for EDC review and comment. The two-pagers will be incorporated. This is a major deliverable for the EDC, called for by the POCD, and represents a key contribution to the Town.
- b) **Mystic Transit-oriented Development Plan:** the grant has been submitted. The EDC assisted by obtaining a strong Letter of Support from seCTer that ties to the CEDS and provides justification on a regional basis.
- c) **Town Board Vacancies:** Action: EDC members to identify potential nominees, determine interest. Please advise Dave of potential nominees and determine next steps. Relevant Boards and Commissions:
  - a. EDC: one vacancy; three terms expire December 2017 (Joel, Rich, Danielle).
  - b. Conservation Commission: two vacancies.
  - c. Architectural Design Review Board: one vacancy, another member's term expired June 2017.
  - d. PZC: one vacancy, two member's terms expire August 2017.
- d) There are no Regular meetings scheduled for July or August; the next Regular meeting is September 20, 2017.

7. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dave Hammond, Chairman  
Economic Development Commission



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Approved September 20, 2017