



**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, September 19, 2018**

Human Services Building  
 166 South Broad Street, Pawcatuck, CT

Attending: EDC members Dave Hammond, Kevin Bowdler, Jim Lathrop, Dan McFadden, Danielle Chesebrough, Bill Hobbs; Department of Planning: Jason Vincent; GMCC: Al Valente; members of the public: Jen Rothman, Chris Donahue, Bethany Perkins

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

The Minutes from 2 Regular meetings and 9 Special meetings were approved. Motion: Jim Lathrop; Second: Kevin Bowler. **All approved**

New Business: the purpose of the meeting was to plan areas of focus for the coming fiscal year September 2018 – June 2019. Accomplishments for the past year were highlighted, a list of about 40 distinct efforts. A list of 22 potential areas of focus were discussed. The EDC considered each potential project’s relative merit from an economic impact perspective, importance to the community as defined by the POCD, as well as the EDC’s ability to influence and / or play a role.

The EDC members present then voted “high, medium, low” priority to determine where the team’s attention should be directed. To score the votes, a value of 5 for high priority / ability to have an impact, 3 for medium, and 1 for low was used. The table below summarizes the results.

Initiatives shaded green are high priority and offer an opportunity for the EDC to play a significant role. Initiatives shaded yellow are medium priority, or as in the case of the Agriculture are in a “sustain” phase having been firmly established.

Projects shaded red were felt to provide less of an opportunity for the EDC to push forward, or require more resource than the EDC, a volunteer group with a tiny budget, can muster. NOTE: the “low” priority designation in no way characterizes these projects as unimportant to the community – they all are – and many of them will enjoy EDC support: the EDC will continue to monitor these initiatives as the priority may bubble up; the EDC can partner with the Department of Planning or other groups to help advance them; an EDC member with passion for any project can enlist non-EDC-member volunteers to form a subcommittee to advance a cause.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Dave Hammond, Chairman  
 Economic Development Commission

David Hammond, Chairman Approved October 17, 2018

Stonington Economic Development Commission	9/21/2018	Primary Economic Cluster										POCD						
2018-2019 Plan Potential Areas of Focus	Priority (*) High (5) Medium (3) Low (1)	Agra / Aqua	Marinas	Retail	Lodging	Attractions (Tourism)	Rest / Ent	Utilities	RE / Housing (Res / Com'l)	Manufacturing	3-Transportation	4-Agriculture	7-Scenic & Historic Resources	8-Villages	9-Residential Housing	10-Com'l & Ind'l Development	12-Utilities	13-Transportation
		Grain building lot - pre-approved site plan	5.0								X					X	X	X
Continue to advance TIF	4.3							X	X					X	X	X	X	X
Marketing - branding / placemaking / wayfinding	4.3					X					X	X						
Pawcatuck Historic Structure designation	4.0								X			X	X	X	X			
Acquire Circus Lot / Potential Uses	4.0								X					X				
Stillman Ave mill	4.0								X			X		X	X			
UCONN CE projects - PV pedestrian bridge / riverwalk	4.0					X							X					X
TC-80 Community Conversation #2 w/ UCONN Gateway plans	3.7			X	X	X	X		X						X	X		
Housing strategy	3.7								X						X			
Agriculture / Aquaculture	3.7	X										X						
Pawcatuck Street Scope	3.7																	
Pawcatuck Village Neighborhood Assn (PVNA)	3.3										X							
Advance Gateway to Stonington concept / ideas	2.7			X	X	X	X		X						X	X		
Hurricane barrier certification	2.3								X							X		
Seaport Marine Support	2.0																	
Mechanic St mills - Harris / CT Trust plan, Yardney	1.7								X	X						X		
Threadmill South / NDD / pre-approved site plan	1.7		X						X			X		X	X			
NDD hotel	1.3				X		X								X			
Bikeways / greenways / waterways plans	1.3					X												X
Comprehensive contemporized signage regulation	1.0			X		X	X					X						
Exit 92	1.0			X	X		X		X						X	X		
Other Community Conversations TBD	1.0										X							
Key:	(*) NOTE: 'priority' does NOT mean low priority for the community, but rather guides how EDC should allocate effort given resource constraints and an assessment of ability to influence outcomes																	
High priority, ability for EDC to have significant impact																		
Medium priority, success reliant on others, or in sustain phase																		
Lower priority due to difficulty for EDC to influence, or resource constraints																		