

## **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 20, 2017 7:00 P.M.

Human Services Building 166 South Broad Street, Pawcatuck, CT

**Present:** David Hammond, Kevin Bowdler, Rich Balestracci, Danielle Chesebrough, Ward Smith, Virginia Abernathy, Pete Robinson, Suzanne Lane, Dan McFadden, Jason Vincent – Director of Planning, Sal Ritacco

Regrets: Joel Valenti, Edward Planeta, Blunt White

- 1. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M.
- Prior Minutes were approved with no corrections or additions: March 27, 2017; May 17, 2017; May 19, 2017; June 21, 2017; June 26, 2017; June 29, 2017; July 25, 2017 and August 29, 2017. Motion: Pete Robinson; Second: Ward Smith; All in Favor
- 3. Old Business:
  - a) **EDC Membership** Dan McFadden and Bill Hobbs, have turned in applications to the Selectman's office and will join EDC. There is one more vacancy to fill, a representative of the Marina community will be sought. *Action*: Kevin
  - b) EDC-sponsored Community Conversations reviewed status of past efforts and prioritized and agreed forward plans (see Table below). Identified areas of focus through summer of 2018. Motion: Suzanne Lane; Second: Rich Balestracci; All in Favor
  - c) Branding / Placemaking / Wayfinding updated members on efforts to date.
    Formed subcommittee to work on branding effort: Kevin Bowdler, Dan McFadden,
    Ward Smith, Suzanne Lane. Action: Jason to send agreed scope of work to EDC and
    connect sub-committee members to contracted professionals.
- 4. New Business:
  - a) **EDC Comprehensive Economic Development Plan**: Jason will propose dates / times to hold a 2-4 hour retreat to advance the Plan. Target is Fall 2017.
  - b) Plan Joint-EDC meeting: item deferred
  - c) 2018 EDC Regular Meeting Calendar: Agreed to meet third Wednesday of every month excepting July, August, December at 6:00pm. Motions: Suzanne Lane; Second: Rich; All in Favor
  - d) **PV**-5 Press Release: Dave and Kevin to draft a press release for approved PV-5 zoning regulation update. Motion: Kevin Bowdler; Second Rich Balestracci; All in Favor
- 5. Adjournment at 8:35 P.M.

Dave Hammond, Chairman Economic Development Commission

Dave Hammond, Chairman Approved October 18, 2017 Stonington Economic Development Commission and Department of Planning

Comprehensive Zoning Update Project Plan

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Other Community Conversations conducted by the Department of Planning and EDC: Velvet Mill, Agriculture, Fishermen, Shellfish