



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, October 17, 2018
 Human Services Building
 166 South Broad Street, Pawcatuck, CT

Attending: Dave Hammond, Jim Lathrop, Suzanne Lane, Rich Balestracci, Dan McFadden, Danielle Chesebrough, Bill Hobbs; Dept of Planning: Jason Vincent; ~15 SHS students.
 Regrets: Kevin Bowdler, Virginia Abernathy, Pete Robinson, Ed Planeta

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.
- 2) The Minutes of the September 19, 2018 Regular Meeting were approved. **Motion:** Dave; **Second:** Jim. All approved.
- 3) New Business:
 - a) **Agreed:** 2019 Regular Meeting schedule will be the 3rd Wednesday of every month except July, August, December starting at 6:30 p.m.
 - b) Plan Areas of Focus for 2018-2019.
 - i. The priorities agreed at September meeting were reviewed. **Agreed:** The priorities are correct and no missing initiatives were identified.
 - ii. Next steps for each highest priority initiative (“green”) were discussed.
 See Table:

Stonington Economic Development Commission		
2018-2019 Plan	Team	October Minutes
1 Grain building lot - pre-approved site plan	Jim (Lead), Dave, Danielle, Rich, Suzanne	formed team; team to meet to develop pro forma economic model and develop RFP for site plan design work
2 Continue to advance TIF	Rich (Lead), Kevin, Dave, Jim, Pete, Sal	restart Team; Rich to set meeting date
3 Marketing - branding / placemaking / wayfinding	Kevin (Lead), Dan, Bill	Kevin to restart this team after a summer hiatus
4 Pawcatuck Historic Structure designation	Jim (Lead), Dave	Work with the Stonington Historical Society for Grant Application to CT to achieve Historic Property designation for 5 downtown Pawcatuck properties
5 Acquire Circus Lot / Potential Uses	DoP, Team pending	Send Letter of Support to Conservation Commission (Danielle to draft) by Monday 10/22. Motion: Danielle, Second: Dan; all approved
6 Stillman Ave mill	DoP, Team pending	Send Letter of Support to DECD for Site Assessment Grant (Dave to Draft) by 10/31. Motion: Dave; Second: Danielle; all approved
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

- 4) Other New Business: Identify speaker and schedule a Stonington Business Climate Workshop. November meeting discussion item.
- 5) Next meeting:
 - a) The November meeting, originally scheduled for Nov. 21st, the day before Thanksgiving, was moved to Wednesday, Nov. 14th. This will be a Special Meeting.
- 6) The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Hammond, Chairman
Economic Development Commission



David Hammond, Chairman
Approved November 14, 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	Outreach / Community Dev	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			
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 Scape	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																		