



Town of Stonington
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, October 18, 2017

7:00 P.M.

Human Services Building
166 South Broad Street, Pawcatuck, CT

Present: Dave Hammond, Kevin Bowdler, Rich Balestracci, Danielle Chesebrough, Pete Robinson, Bill Hobbs, Ward Smith. Also: Jason Vincent (Director of Planning), Jim Lathrop (applicant for EDC membership)

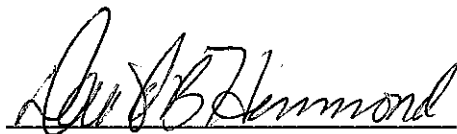
Regrets: Dan McFadden, Suzanne Lane, Joel Valenti, Virginia Abernathy, Ed Planeta

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. The Minutes of September 20, 2017 were approved. **Motion:** Kevin Bowdler; **Second:** Pete Robinson.
3. Comments from the Public: There were no comments from the public.
4. Comments from Planning Department: Comments held for agenda items.
5. Old Business:
 - a) **EDC Membership** – the EDC recognized Blunt White, past Chair, for his years of service. **Action:** EDC to send letter to Blunt, Pete Robinson to draft letter.
 - b) **EDC-sponsored Community Conversations in support of Comprehensive Zoning Regulation Update (ref: POCD)** (see table for Plan):
 - It was acknowledged that the PV-5 update for downtown Pawcatuck was approved by the PZC in September. PV-5 is one of several catalysts to draw investor / developer interest to refurbish downtown Pawcatuck.
 - The “M-2” (Broadway Ext) Community Conversation #2 is scheduled for November 13, 2017 at 6:00pm. **Action:** Virginia Abernathy to organize, with Dave Hammond.
 - Community Conversation with the Marina’s economic cluster businesses (ref: POCD 10.4.6) is scheduled for November 16, 2017 at 3:00pm. **Action:** Kevin Bowdler to organize.
 - Community Conversation #2 for Old Mystic (CS-5) will be scheduled at the November EDC meeting, target January 2018. **Action:** Continue to November meeting.

- The next step identified for the “Mystic Gateway” (TC-80) is to have conceptual renderings created that provide a vision to facilitate idea-generation and conversation; this could be a project a university architectural design group undertakes, target February 2018. **Action:** Continue to November meeting.
 - In support of the Agriculture / Aquaculture economic cluster – one of Stonington’s key economic drivers and integral to the Town’s character – it was agreed to sponsor an oyster farming education forum. **Action:** Ward Smith and Danielle Chesebrough to organize, target January 2018. Jim Lathrop to meet with existing business to learn success principles. **Motion:** Ward Smith; **Second:** Danielle Chesebrough.
- c) **Branding / Placemaking / Wayfinding** – Action steps discussed, subcommittee to meet before November EDC meeting and report out. **Action:** Kevin Bowdler.
6. New Business:
- a) **EDC Comprehensive Economic Development Plan (ref: POCD 10.2.11 and 10.4.2):** Revisit priority / timing for ‘retreat’ to advance the draft Plan. **Action:** Continued to November meeting.
 - b) **2018 EDC Regular Meeting Calendar:** starting January 2018, Regular Meetings will continue on the third Wednesday of each month (except July, August, and December) in the Human Services Building but at 6:00 p.m.
7. Other Business
- Agricultural Update: Possible Land for Good event in January and Farmer meeting to talk about Public Act 490 in February 2018. **Action:** Ward Smith.
8. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Hammond, Chairman
Economic Development Commission



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Approved November 15, 2017

Stonington Economic Development Commission and Department of Planning
Comprehensive Zoning Update – Project Plan

Zone	Community Conversation	Draft Proposed Regulation	2 nd Conversation as needed	Final Draft Regulation	PZC Meeting – seek approval
HMD Mechanic St Mills	2012	2012	N/A	1/17/17	5/17/17
PV-5 Downtown Pawcatuck	3/27/17	6/6/17			9/14/17
TC-80 Gateway to Mystic / OMV #1	Olsen Trust 6/26/17	5/2/17		Max Ht / FAR	5/17/17
M-2 Broadway Ext / Mystic	7/25/17	TBD	11/13/17 6:00pm		
Marinas (POCD 10.4.6)	11/16/17 3:00pm				
CS-5 Old Mystic	8/29/17	TBD	Target Jan 2018		
TC-80 Gateway to Mystic / OMV #2	Olsen Trust 6/26/17	TBD	Next step: need conceptual renderings to facilitate conversation. Target UCONN Feb '18		
CS-5 Upper Liberty St	Future				
LS-5 Lower Liberty St	Future				
MC-80 adjacent to HMD	Future				
Mystic - Downtown	Future				
LI-130 Taugwonk Business Park	Future				
HI-60 Exit 92	Future				
Wequetequock / Rte 1	Future				
Mystic – Mason Island	Future				
Mystic – TOD	Future				
Mystic – Broadway St	Future				
Spellman Corner	Future				

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