



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

**FINAL MINUTES**  
**Special Meeting**  
**EDC Liberty St Subcommittee**  
**Wednesday, April 11, 2018**

**COMMISSIONERS**

**Dave Hammond**  
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Member

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Member

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Member

**Danielle Chesebrough**  
Member

**Virginia Abernathy**  
Member

**Pete Robinson**  
Member

**Ed Planeta**  
Alternate

**Bill Hobbs**  
Alternate


**Ward Smith**  
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.*

Attending: EDC members Dave Hammond, Jim Lathrop, Rich Balestracci, Bill Hobbs, Danielle Chesebrough, Ward Smith; Sal Ritacco; Department of Planning: Jason Vincent, Keith Brynes

1. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m.
2. Discussion centered on continuing to explore approaches to generate economic development and rehabilitation along sections of Liberty Street to stimulate enhanced value, and vibrant commercial and residential mixed-use neighborhoods. Continued to advance next steps:
  - a. Establish a Neighborhood Association – seek to inspire and facilitate formation of a Neighborhood Association.
    - i. Define neighborhood to pilot the effort: Stillman, Mason, Noyes, lower Liberty.
    - ii. Develop list of addresses to send invite (Jim).
    - iii. Set meeting date (May 3 and 10 proposed) and book Pawcatuck Fire House (Danielle).
    - iv. Draft invite letter to residents (Sal). “Thought starters” for Association purpose can include: plantings, clean-up projects, façade improvements, possible contemporized zoning updates.
  - b. Conduct a property inventory – in progress (Jim). Develop appropriate metrics to characterize economic performance.
  - c. Review 6.6.14 “rehab of existing buildings” contemporized regulation – draft in progress (Jason / Keith).
  - d. Status report on Circus Lot – effort to assess option of acquiring 5.7-acre riverfront lot from Westerly.
    - i. Performed title search which contains reverter clause.
    - ii. Initiate public awareness at 4/11 Board of Selectman meeting.
    - iii. Get quote a pursue “Phase 1” of environmental study due diligence.
    - iv. Draft proposal for BoS consideration.
    - v. Consider clean-up project (link to Neighborhood Assn effort).
  - e. Maintenance and cleanup by Town of Routes 1 and 2 – Letter drafted and sent to BoS 4/11/18.
  - f. Collaborations with Beautification Committee.
    - i. Earth Day (4/22/18) downtown Pawcatuck cleanup project to be held, all encouraged to participate.
    - ii. Pursuing new lighting for Donahue Park.
    - iii. Working to reinstall existing Historic Signs.

3. The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.  
Dave Hammond, Chairman  
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Approved April 18, 2018