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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

Special Meeting

Thursday, March 22, 2018

6:00 p.m.

Human Services Building
166 South Broad Street, Pawcatuck, CT

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.
2. Minutes from previous meetings were approved with no additions or corrections: Feb 21 Regular Meeting; Special Meetings: Feb 26, Feb 27, Mar 7, Mar 15 (3).
Motion: Jim; **Second:** Ward; **All in Favor.**
3. Old Business:
 - a) **EDC-sponsored Community Conversations** – GC-60. *Deferred.*
 - b) **Agriculture Committee Report:** A debrief of the Feb 26 PA-490 info session and Mar 15 Agriculture Committee meeting was provided. About 20 landowners and farmers attended the PA-490 session. The Ag Committee will be represented at the Stonington Farmers Market. *No actions or decisions.*
 - c) **Aquaculture Economic Cluster:** No activity this month.
 - d) **Branding / Placemaking / Wayfinding** – Work continues on the *Stonington 1649* website. *Progress meeting to be scheduled.*
 - e) **Cultural Asset Inventory Initiative** – No report.
 - f) **Marinas Economic Cluster** – *Deferred.*
 - g) **Liberty St Subcommittee** – The subcommittee met three times: Feb 27, and twice on Mar 15, once with Pawcatuck Fire Dept to discuss the status of the “Circus Lot”, and a joint meeting with the Beautification Committee. The subcommittee is working to establish neighborhood associations, explore acquiring the Circus Lot for greenspace (park), and establish more regular maintenance and cleanup of key roads. **Motion:** Write a Letter to the Town requesting street-sweeping and cleanup (e.g. weeds on Town property); Danielle to draft Letter: Dave; **Second:** Jim; **All in Favor.**
 - h) **TIF Subcommittee** – Continued information gathering phase. Next step: Mar 27 meeting with subject matter expert Michael Andreana. No actions or decisions.
 - i) **Pawcatuck Village Update** – Continue to monitor grain elevator property and deconstruction, Citizen Bank, 34 W Broad, and other activity. *No actions or decisions.*
 - j) **Budget Review** – Monitoring expense v actual of \$2,770 budget. No actions or decisions.

4. New Business:

- a) **Consider proposal for Fuel Cell in Golden Triangle area:** Discussion of proposal by Doosan for 43-unit 19.78MW fuel cell power generation station to be located behind Aquarium overflow lot next to high voltage right-of-way on Maritime Dr. Proposal will be submitted to DEEP by Apr 2. An aspect of the proposal of potentially great economic development benefit to Stonington is the project makes running an Eversource gas main from Rte. 184 economically viable. Substantial tax revenues would be realized by the Town and availability of natural gas is a catalyst for economic development. The EDC would like more information about the project before taking a position. **Resolved:** Invite a Doosan rep to a future EDC meeting. **Action:** Dave.
- b) **Bikeways Plans:** In discussion with AECOM / Complete Streets to stage a Community Forum to explore transportation trends and mobility; including traffic calming and integrating alternative modes of transportation and pedestrians. Date for Forum is TBD.
- c) **EDC Comprehensive Economic Development Plan:** Deferred.

5. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Hammond, Chairman
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Approved April 18, 2018