

Town of Stonington
Economic Development Commission
Meeting Minutes for November 13, 2014
Human Services Building- 7:00pm

Present: Blunt White, Amy Arruda, Suzanne Lane, Rich Balestracci, David Hammond, Ed Planeta and Joel Valenti

Absent: None

Town Guests: None

Call to Order: 7:05pm

Approval of October 9, 2014 minutes

Motion: Blunt White

Second: Ed Planeta

All in Favor

Business:

- A. 2014 Economic Development Annual report
 - Commission Member Valenti added outline to google docs.
 - Member Valenti also obtained a summary of properties sold/inventory to utilize as needed.
 - Member Valenti also met with Keith Brynes to try to obtain additional information for the annual report.
 - Various updates in google docs were made by the Members for content. Chair White reviewed assignments.
- B. 2014 POCD Update – Complete pending public hearing.
- C. Initiative to Broaden allowed uses in M1 zone - Chair White will be looking into an update on the status of the initiative.
- D. New Initiatives
 - Member Valenti made a motion to reactivate the Facebook page for EDC.
 - Second: Blunt White, all in favor.
- E. Search for additional Member – Chris Freeman from the Seaport came as a guest
- F. Budget report – no report
- G. EDC Website
 - Approximately 643 visits
 - Commission Member Arruda is reaching out to various schools to review the website as an assignment to update and "clean up".
- H. Business Outreach follow-up – nothing reported
- I. Regional and local tourism marketing – nothing reported
- J. Current development projects in the approval process – reviewed various current approvals.

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Guest Speaker Stephen MacKenzie from SeCTer. Mr. MacKenzie reviewed the three major program areas Economic Development and Marketing, Loan Programs, and CT-PTAP. Mr. MacKenzie encourage the commission to know our inventory, utilize the resources to refer loan options, and share any projects that may be added to the CEDS document on an annual basis to either give updates or add new items.

Motion to adjourn: Ed Planeta, Second: Blunt White, All in Favor

Adjournment 9:25pm

Respectfully Submitted by Amy Arruda

Approved 11/21/2015
Blunt White, chair