

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

Present: Ed Planeta, Blunt White, Amy Arruda, Les Bray, David Hammond, and Joel Valenti

Absent: None

Town Guests: None

Call to Order: 7:15pm

Approval of February 20th Minutes and September 30, 2013 Passed 5-0

Motion: Blunt White

Second: Amy Arruda

Old Business:

- 2014 POCD – Completed First Plan Draft
- M1 Zone – nothing new reported
- Additional new commission members needed – nothing reported
- EDC website – decreased traffic last month (110 hits) for reasons unknown
- Budget – nothing new
- Tourism – new location for Taste of Mystic
- Flood Zone restrictions – Another discussion on restrictions hindering business development

Current Business:

- Sewer Tie-In fees:
 - The EDC is requesting that the Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA) consider adding an installment payment plan option for deferred sewer benefit assessments and hook-up fees. Residential and Commercial developments currently require a “cash-in-advance” payment of the benefit assessment prior to issuance of a sewer construction permit. An installment plan will make Stonington a more competitive place for people to build.
 - EDC members presented the initiative to the WPCA February 25th, it was accepted in confidence. Tom Gilligan, WPCA Director conducted a Survey on other CT towns’ current Hook-up charge Payment Terms and conditions.
 - EDC members will be attending the upcoming WPCA meeting Tuesday March 25th at the police station in order to provide support for the initiative.
- Historic Tax Credits
 - New Initiative- Research into Pawcatuck and Mystic Historic districts, consider broadening the districts.
 - Beneficial for Tax credit purposes
 - Maps will be uploaded to the EDC website for public display, looking into putting together an informational session for public.

Adjournment 8:45pm

Respectfully submitted by Joel Valenti

Approved 4/24/2014 Blunt White Chair EDC