

Town of Stonington

Economic Development Commission

April 24, 2014 Minutes

Human Services Building – 7:00 pm

Present: Blunt White, Ed Planeta, David Hammond, Amy Arruda and Suzanne Lane

Absent: Les Bray and Joel Valenti

Call to Order: 7:05pm

Amended minutes from March 13 to add 110 hits to website monthly traffic. Motions made to accept the amended minutes for the March 13 meeting and to accept the minutes of the January 9 Gathering meeting minutes by Blunt White, seconded by Ed Planeta, passed 5-0. At the January meeting no quorum was present, discussion only, no action taken.

Old Business:

- Budget – Nothing spent year to date – At the May meeting initiatives will be reviewed for the balance of the year that may be suitable for encumbering funds.
- M1 Initiative that was presented to PZC in late 2013 will be revisited in September 2014.
- New Members – Several names were discussed. Individual commissioners will make personal appeal to possible candidates.
- EDC commissioners Blunt White and Ed Planeta have attended the last three WPCA meetings to discuss the possibility of WPCA allowing installment plans for hook-up fees. WPCA will have a public hearing before their next meeting for community comment. The same evening they plan on holding their regular meeting and voting on a plan.
- POCD – The 2nd draft is to be released to town commissions in May. Commissions to send in their revisions before the public input.
- PILOT Program – EDC may want to invite Marsha Standish to a future meeting to discuss how it works.
- Website – Amy Arruda reported 606 hits to the website for the last month. This is typical traffic and up from the March quantity of 110 hits. February had 646 hits. No explanation as to the anomaly. Now that the Coogan Farm property has closed we want to remove that from the website and add other properties.

New Business:

Town Budget – Blunt White made a motion – “EDC requests that the Town reallocate funds from the budget to hire a full time Planning Director.” Dave Hammond seconded. Motion passed 5-0

Adjournment: 9:10pm

Respectfully submitted by Edward Planeta Jr.

Approval 6/12/2014
Blunt White
EDC Chairman