

**Town of Stonington**  
**Economic Development Commission**  
**Special Meeting Minutes for October 9, 2014**  
**Human Services Building- 7:00pm**

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

**Absent:** Ed Planeta

**Town Guests:** Byron Lazine, Stephen Capizzano

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Call to Order: 7:05pm

*Approval of September 11, 2014 Minutes Passed 6-0*

*Motion: Blunt White*

*Second: Amy Arruda*

**Business:**

- A. 2014 Economic Development Annual report
  - o 2015 EDC recommendations report to be drafted in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes 7-136 subsection (c)
  - o EDC members are currently working on a first Draft of the EDC's 2015 Annual Report. The goal of the report is to create awareness and inform the public of Stonington's current economic status. Current Projects and their statuses will be reported and an up to date real estate analysis of the area will also be included.
- B. Initiative to Broaden allowed uses in M1 zone
- C. New Initiatives
  - o Historic Preservation Tax Credits- discuss determining the eligibility of certain portions of Stonington for renovation cost tax credits. Still moving forward with this new initiative, nothing new reported.
  - o Business Signs and their allowed uses
- D. Search for additional Member
- E. Budget report
- F. EDC Website
  - o Approximately 550 visits per month
  - o Just reached over 10,000 views
  - o Looking to grow views via social media in the upcoming months (FB page, Twitter, LinkedIn)
- G. Business Outreach follow-up
- H. Current development projects in the approval process

**Adjournment 9:25pm**

Respectfully Submitted by Joel Valenti

Approved 11/13/2014  
Blunt White, Chairman