

Town of Stonington
Economic Development Commission
Regular Meeting
June 21, 2007

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Blunt White at 7 PM. Present were: Blunt White, John Delmhorst, Jim Oberhelman, Ed Hart, Paul Burgess, and Ed Dear. Absent were: Tony Lee, Gary Bennett, Ed Haberek, John Dionne, and Mike Latham.

A motion was made and approved to accept the minutes of the May 17, 2007 meeting as distributed.

Old Business:

1. The parking study for downtown Pawcatuck was discussed as Paul Burgess has been working with Larry Kenney on this project. They have established the scope of this study (outlined in the enclosed attachment). The cost estimate is less than \$10,000. A consultant will be hired by Larry Kenney; Jason Vincent has indicated his support for this project.
2. Pawcatuck Façade Improvement Program: Architect Mark Comeau presented preliminary drawings for buildings on the north side of West Broad Street, from bridge to bridge. His plan is to bring unity to the facades of downtown properties and to get property owners to buy into the program. There must be unification of signage. The majority of the work on the buildings will be decorative. General costs will be developed. The possibility of obtaining funding for the project prior to talking to property owners was discussed. Architect Comeau estimated total cost to be approximately \$100,000 for both sides of the street. Carleen Donnarummo offered input on signage issues with the State DOT. The number and size of trees for the area were discussed. Architect Comeau will do the renderings of the last two buildings on the north side and make recommendations for those on the south side. Costs per building need to be identified. Dick Harrall of Harrall Michalowski Associates presented his input on the project.
3. Downtown Pawcatuck marketing brochure: Ed Dear discussed updates to this brochure. Carleen Donnarummo had made some improvements to it; the brochure should be ready in about two weeks.

New Business:

Blunt White reported that a Wequetequock Property Owners Association has formed and is being spearheaded by Ian Canfield. Tarragon wants to go public with their plans for the Porch and Patio/ Cove Side Marinas properties in a format

outside of the Route 1 study group. It was agreed the EDC would remain neutral at this point.

The Pawcatuck Streetscape project is on the agenda for the Board of Selectmen's meeting on June 27th.

In keeping with our published schedule, there are no regular meetings scheduled for July or August.

This meeting was adjourned at 8:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John R. Delmhorst,
Secretary