

Town of Stonington  
Economic Development Commission  
Regular Meeting  
October 18, 2007

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Blunt White at 7:00 PM. Present were: Blunt White, Jim Oberhelman, John Delmhorst, Tony Lee, and Paul Burgess. Absent were: Ed Dear, Ed Hart, Gary Bennett, Mike Latham, and Ed Haberek.

The minutes of the special meeting held September 27, 2007 were accepted.

John Dionne has submitted his resignation and it was accepted by the Board of Selectmen. Chairman White stated there are two vacancies and we need to consider various ideas for filling them.

Chairman White distributed the second draft of the Parking Study for Downtown Pawcatuck prepared by Harrall-Michalowski Associates. It was stated that the First Selectman and Planning and Zoning Commission support this plan. Integrated into the plan was the need for new zoning in order to establish a "village district". Copies of Public Act No. 98-116 entitled "An Act Authorizing the Establishment of Village Districts" was distributed.

There was discussion on various aspects of the study and the "village district" concept. An executive summary needs to be added to the parking study. A public information session needs to be scheduled as well. Following discussion, it was agreed that the parking study and Façade Program for Downtown Pawcatuck will be presented to the public at our November meeting, November 15<sup>th</sup>, to be held at the Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center. Blunt White and Paul Burgess will work on a press release. Notices and articles will be placed in local newspapers. The issues of insurance and maintenance must be addressed.

The limits of the downtown district need to be better defined by Dick Harrall.

Chairman White reported the marketing brochures for downtown Pawcatuck are being prepared by AGJO Printing at a cost of \$400. They will be mailed in the next few weeks.

Chairman White reported that the Route 1 Study Group has written its final plan and it will be distributed shortly.

The application for the Duncklee property on Taugwonk Road was discussed. The application before P&Z has been tabled. Tony Lee will contact representatives of Duncklee's to determine the need for an EDC-sponsored information session.

This meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John R. Delmhorst, Secretary