

Town of Stonington  
Economic Development Commission  
Special Meeting  
February 18, 2010

This special meeting was held at the LaGrua Center in order to facilitate examination of updates to the EDC website. Members present were: Blunt White, Wendy Bury, Ed Hart, John Delmhorst, Paul Burgess, Ed Planeta, Gary Bennett, Dan Barber, and Ed Dear. Absent was Dan Oliverio.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM. The minutes of the January 21, 2010 meeting were accepted as distributed.

Chairman White introduced Dan Barber as a new alternate member of the commission. It was discussed that there are another two vacancies for alternates and Chairman White has been working on getting a representative of the tourism area on the commission. Both Mystic Seaport and Mystic Aquarium have been contacted to determine whether they have a possible candidate.

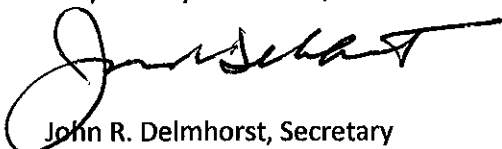
Ed Planeta commented on a recent Freedom of Information seminar attended by members of various Town boards and committees. He stated the session was very informative and contained useful information on quorums.

Wendy Bury presented a visual update on the latest draft of the EDC website. There was considerable discussion on the list of available properties and what should and should not be included. A link to current economic news and a list of demographics are included in the website. The Map section includes GIS and zoning. The proposed site was then compared to similar EDC website offerings from Southington, Newtown, Suffield, Guilford, and Clinton.

First Selectman Haberek presented an update on EDC initiatives listing vision and goals for 2010. A list of business oriented activities was discussed. Updates were made on key commercial real estate issues including: Downtown Pawcatuck storefronts, distressed buildings ordinance, Tractor Supply Company project, former Stop and Shop property plans, Puritan and Genesta property in Mystic, the Lords Hill Road complex, and L&M Hospital project adjacent to the new Stop and Shop.

This meeting was adjourned at 8:45PM.

Respectfully submitted,



John R. Delmhorst, Secretary