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

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

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Blunt White at 7:00 PM. The minutes of the February 18, 2010 meeting were accepted as distributed.

Wendy Bury displayed updates to the website, including Economic Development news consisting of articles from the New London Day. It was agreed that this section needs to be more prominent. Ed Dear mentioned an ideal video from SECTER that needs to be accessed as a link from the EDC website. It was recommended that the Commission perform a quarterly review of sections of the website for content. Wendy Bury indicated the website should be live tomorrow.

The Solutions for Stonington event scheduled for March 30th was discussed. Ed Hart stated that hard copies of the EDC website entries should be available at that event. This event is to have various tables arranged by industry. Following a presentation by Keynote Speaker Emma Duran, attendees will breakout into groups for brainstorming with analysis of strengths; weaknesses, opportunities, and threats for business in the Town of Stonington. Various commission members will assist by coordinating tables during the breakout sessions.

There was a brief discussion regarding a memo from Selectman Haberek regarding the impact of a sewer-hookup assessment for Tractor Supply Company. No action was taken.

This meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kohn R. Delmhorst, Secretary