

Town of Stonington
Economic Development Commission
Special Meeting
April 22, 2010

Members present: Blunt White, John Delmhorst, Ed Hart, Dan Oliverio, Gary Bennett, Dan Barber, Ed Dear, Ed Planeta, Wendy Bury, and Paul Burgess. Absent: None.

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

Nat Arata was introduced as a potential member of the commission; he is employed as Vice President for Advancement at the Mystic Seaport.

Old Business:

EDC Website: there is one industrial property listed as available on the site; changes are being posted very quickly. It was agreed that the cost of establishing the website and cost of making changes need to be analyzed as bills are received. There is a need to establish a procedure for forming a data base of available properties. There need to be uplinks to related websites such as chambers of commerce, SECTER, CERC, etc.

Signage Regulations: Bill Haase stated that the current signage regulations were written in 1961. He is working to unify revised regulations. These are currently in draft form and could possibly be presented to P&Z in May or June.

There was discussion on a recent application to P&Z by the Tractor Supply Company and how signage was involved in this project.

New Business:

Solutions for Stonington: A report was given on the event held March 30th with approximately 70 attendees. Tables were organized by industry with facilitators assigned to each table. Industry groups were as follows: mixed services, not for profits, manufacturing, tourism, and real estate/development. While the forum included strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats for each industry, the discussion focused on solutions.


It was agreed that this forum should be an annual event. There is a need for three types of deliverables: State, Town, and the EDC. Following discussion, it was agreed there would be follow up sessions by industry by early June.

SEAT bus: it was reported there has been no change in funding. A motion was made, seconded, and then approved to spend up to \$500 on production of timetables/schedules with an emphasis on key stops such as the A&P, Mystic railroad station, Mystic Seaport, Mystic Aquarium, etc.

In business updates, Dan Oliverio reported that Apizzo on West Broad Street has closed and gone out of business.

This meeting was adjourned at 8:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John R. Delmhorst", written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned above the printed name.

John R. Delmhorst, Secretary