

Town of Stonington  
Economic Development Commission  
Regular Meeting  
October 21, 2010

Members present: John Delmhorst, Paul Burgess, Dan Oliverio, Robynne Madison, Ed Hart, Wendy Bury, and Ed Planeta. Members absent: Blunt White, Ed Dear, Gary Bennett, Dan Barber, Nat Arata, and Pete Glankoff.

This meeting was called to order by Acting Chairman Paul Burgess at 7:00 PM. The minutes of the regular meeting of September 16, 2010 were approved as distributed.

Old Business:

Wendy Bury reported that the three properties discussed at the September meeting have been added under the Property list. Others will be added shortly. A link needs to be established from the Town site to the EDC site. It is now possible to monitor hits to the EDC site.

Selectman Habarek reported there had been a group of 12 developers that had made site visits to various area sites including Stonington. He is attending a trade show/expo in Worcester on 10/28. A group representing CT is trying to retain Yardney Electric, which is considering expansion and relocation to RI. At the same time, a different business is considering relocating to Stonington from RI, bringing 66 employees and a plan to add 22 employees.

New Business:

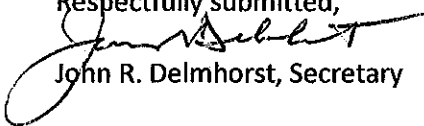
Jim Sisk, Chairman of the WPCA and Hal Storrs, Town Supervisor for WPCA provided a handout outlining the planned upgrade to waste water facilities. The upgrade would cost \$18.3 million with \$14 million spent to upgrade electrical systems and equipment at the Mystic facility. The balance would be used for improvements to the Stonington Borough and Pawcatuck facilities to improve efficiency. This project will be discussed at a public information session at the Mystic Middle School on 10/26, at a Town Meeting on 11/3, and financing proposed and voted on at a referendum on 11/16. Various questions were posed by commission members and the public in attendance.

The matter of tourism marketing for the planned Operation Sail in 2012 was discussed by Wendy Bury. There is a need for EDC to work with representative from New London to attract visitors to Op Sail to come to Stonington and Stonington Borough. Following discussion, it was agreed that EDC would assist in promoting the Town and Borough and a committee of Wendy Bury, Peter Glankoff, and Nat Arata was established to coordinate this effort.

The matter of updating the Plan of Conservation and Development in 2014 was discussed. Ian Camfield suggested that EDC needs to be involved in the revision to this document in order to establish a balance between conservation and development.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05PM.

Respectfully submitted,

  
John R. Delmhorst, Secretary