

Town of Stonington
Economic Development Commission
Regular Meeting
November 18, 2010

Members present: John Delmhorst, Ed Hart, Blunt White, Paul Burgess, Dan Barber, Robynne Madison, Nat Arata, and Wendy Bury. Members absent: Pete Glankoff, Ed Planeta, and Dan Oliverio. This meeting was called to order by Chairman Blunt White at 7:00 PM. The minutes of the regular meeting of October 21, 2010 were accepted as distributed.

Old Business:

Wendy Bury reported the EDC website now has pictures of available properties; this has been no increase on traffic on the site. There remains a need to have links to other related sites, including the Town website.

Revised signage regulations will be discussed at a P&Z meeting on December 7th and support from members of the commission is needed. It might be prudent to present pictures from other town/cities to illustrate how they address the signage issue. Mystic Seaport and Mystic Aquarium have an issue with the regulations pertaining to banners. The matter of temporary signs was discussed.

There was nothing to report on Solutions for Stonington.

The proposed Waste Water Plan was recently approved by voters. Wendy Bury recommended that presentations by outside interests be limited to twenty minutes, in response to the lengthy presentation by WCPA representatives at the October meeting.

Nat Arata reported on on-going plans for OpSail in July, 2012; one issue is to create awareness of local involvement in the War of 1812 on the bicentennial of the war. The intention is to add value to the OpSail event.

The ten year review of the POCD, scheduled in 2014, was discussed. At present, all applicants to the P&Z must be consistent with the POCD. Input is requested from members of the commission. The topic will be discussed further at the next meeting in January.

New Business:

The Yardney Electric issue was discussed; the company has made no decision at this point. There are issues with the existing building which is owned by a foreign company.

It was recommended the Town Clerk's office be contacted to obtain names of companies being established in town.

This meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Blunt White, Chairman