

Minutes  
Town of Stonington  
Economic Development Commission  
Regular Meeting  
May 19, 2011  
Town Human Service Building

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Blunt White at 7pm. Present were Blunt White, Wendy Bury, Amy Arruda, Paul Burgess, Dan Oliverio, Nat Arata, Ed Hart, Peter Glankoff and Ed Planeta Jr. First Selectman Ed Haberek also attended. Absent were Robynne Madison and Dan Barber.

The minutes of the April 21, 2011 meeting were accepted. The motion was made by Blunt White and seconded by Wendy Bury.

#### OLD BUSINESS

##### EDC Web Site

The latest data is showing 37 hits with 31 unique visitors. Most of the traffic is coming through search engines and referring sites. Ed Haberek has established links to other sites at no cost such as linking to Facebook. Other options were discussed and will be explored such as linking articles to the site as well as the state DECD.

Signage Regulations were reviewed. PZC was to discuss and possibly vote on at a special May 24 meeting.

Solutions for Stonington – May 24 at the Mystic Hilton from 7:45-10:15. All members were encouraged to get the word out in the community to increase participation.

Non-Profit Roundtable - Wendy Bury has a meeting scheduled for June 23 at the La Grua Center. An economic impact study will be explored. EDC will continue to support the roundtable.

Pawcatuck Business Outreach – Ed Haberek reviewed his “Pawcatuck Pride Revitalization Initiative.” Mr. Haberek is focusing on encouraging entrepreneurs, business retention and outreach endeavors. In the short term, there will be two “Stonington Rocks” concerts on specific Friday’s during the summer.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Enterprise Zones – Blunt White submitted the State of CT DECD Enterprise Zone requirements and incentives. Stonington has three census tracts and none meet the criteria for an enterprise zone. EDC won’t pursue at this time and will focus on the positive aspects for economic activity in Stonington.

2014 POCD – Possible EDC Contributions and Priorities – EDC had \$3000 left in the 2011 budget. It is available for the professional drafting of information for the 2014 POCD if EDC chooses to allocate the funds. Blunt White put together a proposal to review the Taugwonk Rd. area for possible light industrial development. The 2004 POCD Recommendations were reviewed for possible Economic Development Strategies (section 6-14 of 2004 POCD). Item 8 was the area in question. Amy Arruda provided the previously reviewed matrix put together by Stonington Planning Dept. that outlines what recommendations have and haven't been implemented since 2004. Most of the other items had been accomplished. A discussion took place as to whether this was the best item to focus on. Other priorities may take precedence. Paul Burgess made a motion, seconded by Wendy Bury, to table the discussion until the next meeting. All voted in favor of tabling the discussion. Priorities and possibilities for 2014 POCD input by EDC will be reviewed at the June meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

Approved at EDC meeting on 6/16/2011

Blunt White  
Chairman EDC