

**Town of Stonington
Economic Development Commission
Meeting Minutes for January 10, 2013
Human Services Building 7:00pm**

Attendance: Blunt White, Amy Arruda, Wendy Bury, Les Bray, Ed Planeta, Ed Hart, and Peter Glankoff

Absent: Dan Oliverio

Town Guests: None

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Call to Order: 7:06pm

Approval of Prior Minutes: November 8, 2012

Motion: Wendy Bury

Second: Ed Planeta

Old Business:

Stonington Real Estate Review:

Commission Member Les Bray provided a compilation of Stonington's real estate data including but not limited to the 2011/2012 Sales Comparison, Affordability, and a Projected Recovery Analysis. Based on the data provided Commission Member Wendy Bury asked for an Executive Summary highlighting the information to present to the POCD this will assist fostering the initiative of further educating the committee.

2014 POCD Update:

Commission Member Bury reported the following:

- The committee will be meeting twice a month. The first meeting of the month will be dedicated to information gathering while the second meeting will be dedicated to review and discussion of the information gathered.
- The highlights from the survey results so far are as follows:
 - 670 responses to date
 - Most are against development at exit 90/91
 - Increase use in existing establishments are preferred
 - New businesses at exit 92 would be acceptable

She will continue to analyze the surveys and create a summary of potential objectives as it relates to the various commissions represented on the POCD. The Chair's of each commission will be provided with the information from the survey. They will then have the opportunity to speak at the POCD meeting to elaborate on the information provided, as well as, any additional initiatives. Bury encourage the Commission to continue to think of economic initiatives that would assist in not only preserving Stonington but also ways to encourage growth.

Budget Report – Current available funds \$3750. \$500 is slated for Planimetrics and approximately \$150 for the website. Chair Blunt White has submitted \$4650 for the upcoming budget- no change from last year.

EDC Website:

The site has had approximately 900 visits since November's meeting. The two highest views were the Business Guide at 29% the Coogan property at 8%.

Commission Member Amy Arruda is awaiting the answer to two items as it relates to Stonington's eligibility for the CT Tax/Incentive quick guide. Once the information is obtained she will update the website. She has also added the POCD survey link to the first page of the site.

M1:

Glenn from Planimetrics has the M1 proposal ready for presentation to the Planning and Zoning. Chairman Blunt White and Commission Member Wendy Bury will be working towards trying to confirm the opportunity to present in the February meeting.

Business Outreach – None Reported.

Regional and local tourism marketing – Nothing reported.

New Business:

Chairman White informed the commission that Robynne Madison and Paul Burgess terms are complete and will no longer serve on the Commission. Ed Hart's term was also complete but will be staying for another term.

Adjournment: 9:15pm

Respectfully Submitted by: Amy Arruda

Approved 2/14/2013

Blunt White

EDC chairman