

**Town of Stonington  
Economic Development Commission  
Meeting Minutes, Thursday, June 13, 2013  
Human Services Building - 7:00pm**

**Present:** Blunt White, Ed Planeta, Wendy Bury, Les Bray, Amy Arruda, Dan Oliverio  
**Absent:** None

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**Call to Order:** 7:03 pm by Chairman Blunt White

**Approval of May 9, 2013, Minutes**

The Minutes were accepted by committee members after the following amendments below were presented by Wendy Bury in writing. Chairman White will also forward these amendments to the board members via email:

**Corrections to last month's Old Business—**

- a) Uses of M1 zone. CM Wendy Bury reported she will meet with Rob next week to confirm that POCD will accept all 3M zones initiatives.  
**CM Bury corrected to read:** "Wendy said she would try to meet with Rob Marseglia to get status/update on M-1 initiative."
  
- c) POCD: ...One area where there was not a meeting of the minds is POCD's request to include Open Space funding but not with public accessibility, which conflicts with what the EDC recommends, based on the public wanting accessibility.  
**CM Bury corrected to read:** One area of discussion was open space, funding, and public accessibility/use.
  
- f) Business Outreach Follow Up: ...launching a new non-profit Downtown Association  
**CM Bury corrected to read:** ...launching a change in structure, applying for nonprofit status.

**Old Business**

**POCD Update:** CM Bury reported that there will be a committee-only meeting on June 17<sup>th</sup> for a broad discussion on goals for the towns 6 areas. They are targeting Fall for a public meeting and a final update by March 2014.

**M-1 Zone:** No further progress has been made since last month concerning broadening allowed uses of the M-1 zone.

**New Initiatives:** CM Les Bray presented a partial spreadsheet he created from the latest Grand List. CM Bray sorted the 10,000 taxable properties in the town by State Use Code. The Committee Members agreed this is a big step toward the EDC's Inventory Project to determine trends and availability of space for economic development.

CM Amy Arruda has acquired a college student to work as an intern for the EDC 90 hours this summer to work on EDC's mapping and inventory project. CM Arruda, with the support

of other committee members, will create job tasks for the student. Les Bray will be contacting Cindy Ladwig, Town Clerk, to see if there are some related tasks involving the EDC's goals that the student can also work on.

Budget Report: CM Bury commented on changing the line items names to be more reflective of actual cost incurred. Chairman Blunt will look into the EDC's Chart of Accounts to consider renaming some of the headings.

EDC Website. CM Arruda reported 670 visits on the website since May 12. Four hundred twenty-seven of the hits were for the nonprofit impact study.

Business Outreach Follow Up: Chairman Blunt mentioned that the owners of the old Color Lab have decided to hire builders and develop the property as condos themselves.

### **New Business**

- CM Arruda introduced a potential new EDC member, Suzanne Lane, to the committee. She is owner of The Gray Goose Cookery located in the Olde Mystick Village along with two other businesses.
- CM Ed Planeta had a printout of the just-released 104-page Nonprofit Impact Study spearheaded by CM Bury and commented about some of the survey results. CM Bury remarked that the Study received good reviews from the local media.
- CM Bray handed out his spreadsheet report for the end of May of 12-month Sales Average of Single Family Houses (2012-2013).

**Adjournment:** 9:20 pm

Respectfully submitted by Andrea Carey

*Approved at meeting 10/10/2013  
Blunt White  
EDC chair*