

**Town of Stonington  
Economic Development Commission  
Meeting Minutes, November 14, 2013  
Human Services Building - 7:00pm**

**Present:** Ed Planeta, Amy Arruda, Wendy Bury, Les Bray, Dan Oliverio, Blunt White

**Absent:** None

**Town Guests:** 1<sup>st</sup> Selectman Ed Haberek

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**Call to Order:** 7:05 pm

**Approval of October 10, 2013 Minutes:**

Motion: Blunt White

Second: Ed Planeta

**Old Business**

- M1 zone – Still on the PZC agenda. Will look at getting an update for action after the initial POCD draft is prepared.
- 2014 POCD – Commission Member Bury gave an update on the progress of the draft. Still working through information of data and determining which chapter each should live in. Once the last four chapters are finished up it will be submitted to Glen to review the overall consistency, vision, etc. After his review any recommendations he makes will then be considered for edits for the document to be presented in Jan/Feb timeframe. They are still considering having two texts one for informational purposes and one on the actual deliverables. Chairman White had a concern around the FEMA changes and the potential adverse affects to several areas. The documents do currently have verblage, in general terms, addressing FEMA and Flood Zones for rebuilds.
- Budget remains the same as last month, \$4,620. Renewals of the Chambers discussed from the last meeting were paid out of the Town's budget.
- EDC Website – Commission Member Amy Arruda reported there were 612 additional hits since last month's meeting. Various updates were made this past month adding previous studies, etc. for informational purposes.
- New commission members – Members Arruda, Planeta, and Bury reported they have potential candidates that will be invited to come to the January meeting for consideration.

**Non-Agenda Item:**

- First Selectman Haberek reported on a non-profit organization considering the Brom property. Similar to the previous design the facility will have 179 units for dementia, assisted living, and independent living. This will also give the opportunity for 200 new jobs. The organization has offered to participate in the Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) program which are payments made voluntarily to the town. As a non-profit they are not required to pay taxes. Based on this being new opportunity to Stonington it was agreed that information about the program should be posted on the Town's website.

Motion to adjourn: Ed Planeta

Seconded by: Les Bray

**Adjournment:** 8:33 pm

Respectfully submitted by Amy Arruda

*Approved 2/20/2014  
Blunt White - chair*