



Economic Development Commission Minutes

Hybrid/ In Person Meeting

Monday, June 5th at 6:30 PM

North Stonington Education Center

1. **Call Meeting to Order:** Sam Cherenzia called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.
2. **Members in Attendance:** Sam Cherenzia, Will Mason, Peggy Merck, and Mariah Pfiffner
3. **Members Absent:** Chris Anderson, Emily Lewis, Jennifer Anderson, and Stefan Grufstedt
4. **Staff Present:** Ariel Lago and Ivanna Hugo
5. **Approval of Minutes:** May minutes were not reviewed.
6. **Treasurer's Report:** None
7. **PDZO Report/Update:** North Stonington's Planning, Development, and Zoning Official, Ariel Lago, gave an activity report. Topics discussed: projects/applications approved, one site inspection, enforcement, and one permit.
8. **Old Business- Boards & Commissions Gathering:** The original June date for the All Boards & Commissions Gathering was cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. The Board would like to reschedule the gathering. The Board will decide next meeting if they want the new date for the gathering to be September 11, 2023.
9. **New Business:**
 - a. **POCD:** Residents can still fill out the POCD Questionnaire
 - b. **CEDA Application (email correspondence):** The PDZO will look into attending a CEDA event/training.
 - c. **Ending of Small Business Covid Grant Program:** Motion to end the Small Business Covid Grant Program and return the remaining funds to the Town by Will Mason, 2nd by Mariah Pfiffner; motion approved 4-0-0.

d. Upcoming plans and projects: Creating a Business Pamphlet/Map was discussed.

10. Topics for next meeting:

- a.** Business Pamphlet
- b.** Affordable Housing
- c.** All Boards & Commissions Gathering- Confirm Date
- d.** Ideas for ARPA funds remaining from Small Business Covid Grant

11. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 7:10pm by Will Mason, 2nd by Peggy Merck; motion approved 4-0-0.

12. Next Meeting: Monday, July 10th at 6:30pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Ivanna Hugo