

Economic Development Commission Meeting

Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at 5:30pm

North Stonington Education Center

Minutes

Call to Order: Brett Mastroianni called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

Members in Attendance: Brett Mastroianni, Will Mason, Jennifer Anderson, Emily Lewis, Salvatore Cherenzia, Nicole Porter

Members absent: Paul Simonds, Jennifer Strunk, Jennifer Dayton, Anthony Mazzella

Staff present: Nathan Reichert, PZDO

Public Comment: None.

Additions to the Agenda: None.

Approval of Minutes: N/A

Treasurer's Report: None

PDZO Report: N. Reichert gave a general report on permit activity.

New Business:

- a. **New member welcome:** Emily Lewis was welcomed to the group as an alternate. Emily is connected with the Beriah Lewis Farm and it was discussed that she would be able to offer the farming/agricultural perspective. The members discussed the fact that Chris Anderson has submitted a letter of interest in being appointed to the EDC. His appointment will go before the Board of Selectman at a future meeting. N. Porter also mentioned that the two women that own Tin Peddler are also interested in learning more about joining EDC.
- b. **Meeting Times and Officers:** This agenda item was tabled until all new members are in attendance and can vote on what is best for the new board.

Old Business:

- a. **North Stonington Works:** B. Mastroianni presented to the EDC members the North Stonington Works initiative that will help businesses in town recruit and retain new employees by offering a bonus made possible by the American Rescue Plan Funds. A motion was made (S. Cherenzia, N. Porter) to approve the initiative as presented so it can go in front of the Board of Selectman for final approval and implementation. The motion passed 6-0-0.

Motion to adjourn at 5:55pm (S. Cherenzia/W. Mason). Next EDC meeting is TBD.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicole Porter