

EDC SPECIAL MEETING NOV 20TH 2019 5:30 TOWN HALL

Draft Minutes

- 1. Call to order Brett Mastroianni called the meeting to order at 5:33pm
- 2. Welcome new members Nicole Porter, Anthony Mazzella, Jennifer Strunk, Will Mason

3. Attendance:

Regular Members present: Brett Mastroianni, Paul Simonds, Salvatore Cherenzia, Stefan Grufstedt,

Toula Balestracci, Jennifer Anderson, and Nicole Porter

Alternate Members Present: Anthony Mazzella

Members Absent: Will Mason (Reg.), Jennifer Strunk (Alt.)

Staff: Juliet Hodge, PDZO

Public: Mike Urgo, Nita Kincaid, Bob Carlson, Jennifer Pensa, Dan Spring, Bob Boissevain

- **4. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes** None provided for approval
- **5.** Treasurer's Report J. Hodge provided \$50 CEDAS expense 10/15/19 will be moved out of line B15.01 CT Region ECO DVLMNT/Membership. The expense was for an awards event J. Hodge attended. Motion made and seconded to approve treasurer's report, (S. Cherenzia/P. Simonds) Motion carried 7-0
- **6. PDZO Report** J. Hodge reviewed her written report provided to the Commission. The WPCA and Selectmen have approved the Task Order to complete a formal Facilities Plan for the provision of water and sewer to properties along Frontage Road and Rte. 49 (Identified as Phase 1) This is continuation of work started with Weston & Sampson.

7. New Business

• Farmers Market update and Plans-Jenn Pensa/Mike Urgo: Jenn Pensa shared an update on the exploration of a farmer's market and discussed the next steps. Committee voted to have BOS discuss creating a sub-committee under EDC to oversee the farmer's market project.

Motion made and seconded (S. Cherenzia/N. Porter). Motion carried 7-0

• **By-Laws Review:** B. Mastroianni distributed committee bylaws. Any suggested changes to be discussed at the next regular meeting.

• Elections:

- B. Mastroianni nominated as Chair (P. Simonds/S. Cherenzia). T. Balestracci nominated as Chair (N. Porter/J. Anderson). B. Mastroianni elected Chairman 4-3
- S. Cherenzia nominated as Vice Chair (P. Simonds). No other nominations made. S. Cherenzia elected as Vice Chair: 7-0
- T. Balestracci nominated as Treasurer (N. Porter/S. Cherenzia). No other nominations made. T. Balestracci elected Treasurer: 7-0
- N. Porter nominated as Secretary (T. Balestracci/ P. Simonds), No other nominations made. N. Porter elected Secretary: 7-0
- **Budget Review and priorities**: J. Hodge included a copy of the budget in the packet. Members will review this material and discuss next meeting. Joint meeting requested with WPCA in December to discuss priorities with respect to water and sewer infrastructure.
- Meeting Dates 2020: P. Simonds suggested moving regular meetings to Tuesday. J. Hodge to create a doodle poll.

Motion made and seconded to have meetings first and third Tuesday (N. Porter/P. Simonds) Motion withdrawn (N. Porter) Commission still wants to discuss whether to have two meetings a month.

- **8. Old Business:** All old business tabled to next meeting
 - Marketing Map Project update Alicia Rathbun has been unresponsive. Status undetermined.
 - Website Update B. Mastroianni stated that the new website is still not live, but "traffic" is being rerouted to the town EDC page for now. Discussed having member photos on the page.
 - Business Visitation Update: None
 - Town Beautification Program: None
 - Joint Meeting with Stonington EDC: None
- 9. Adjourn: Motion made and seconded (P. Simonds/N. Porter) to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:57pm

Respectfully Submitted, Toula Balestracci, Juliet Hodge, PDZO

Next regular meeting Thursday December 19, 2019 5:30pm New Town Hall.