

EDC REGULAR MEETING  
THURSDAY, MAY 16th at 5:30pm  
THE TOWN HALL CONFERENCE ROOM

APPROVED MINUTES  
(Approved 6/20/19)

**1. Call to order:** David Isom called the meeting to order at 5:39pm. No quorum present. Meeting will be a Workshop.

**2. Members in Attendance:** David Isom, Paul Simonds, Salvatore Cherenzia, Toula Balestracci

**Members Absent:** Brett Mastroianni, Dugan Tillman-Brown, Jennifer Anderson, Stefan Grufstedt

**Staff Present:** Juliet Hodge, PDZO

**Public in Attendance:** Nita Kincaid

**3. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:** 4/25/2019 Special Meeting: No quorum present: No vote taken.

**4. Treasurer's Report:** Most recent expenditure for Chamber of Commerce event on 4/17/19, M. Urgo attended on J. Hodge's behalf.

**5. PDZO Report:** J. Hodge went over her activity report. Upcoming Text Amendment to be considered which would change 2 residential properties (Gas Station and Farm Stand on Rte. 2) from R40 to a new classification of Village Commercial. Public hearing will be in July. Commission will also discuss the possible use of approx. 20 acres of the town-owned Wintechog Hill parcel for a community solar project. No update on the Water/Sewer tie-in projects. Waiting on Weston and Sampson for an update. J. Hodge will attend the SCCOG and seCTer hosted Regional Economic Development where State Commissioner (DECD) will speak and answer questions. J. Hodge attended SECT Collaborative meeting today to continue working on meeting EB's needs for housing, labor and supply companies.

**6. New Business:**

- *Unused Funds/Possible Events:* Committee discussed possibly having someone do basic renderings of concepts for vacant properties. Commission felt it would be too difficult to host an event before the end of the fiscal year.

**7. Old Business:**

- *Marketing - Map Project update:* no update from Alicia Rathbun
- *Website Update:* no new update
- *Marketing Brochure content and EDC Page content update:* Tomasz Kazmierczak from Maranda Creative is the design lead on this project. A photo shoot is being planned. Project is on track.
- *Business Visitation schedule:* committee reviewed list of businesses to visit and questions to ask. Members present agreed to try and visit a few businesses this month.
- *Town Beautification Program:* applications to be finalized
- *Joint Meeting with Stonington EDC:* not discussed

**8. Adjournment: Workshop ended at 6:15pm**

Respectfully Submitted,

Toula Balestracci & Juliet Hodge

Next regular meeting is June 20th at 5:30pm at New Town Hall Conference Room