

Economic Development Commission Meeting

Tuesday, March 1st 5:30 PM

North Stonington Education Center

In Person and Via Zoom

Minutes

1. **Call to Order**: Sam Cherenzia called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm.
2. **Members in Attendance**: Sam Cherenzia, Christopher Anderson, Will Mason, Emily Lewis, Stefan Grufstedt and Mariah Pfiffner
3. **Members absent**: Christopher Friday and Jennifer Anderson
4. **Staff Present**: Nathan Reichert, PZDO and Christine Dias, Finance
5. **Approval of Minutes**: January minutes amended, and February minutes were approved unanimously
6. **Public Comment**: None
7. **Treasurers Report**: Start with \$7065.00 and end with \$4610.00. Looking at the expense of someone to help with EDC work roughly \$23 an hour for 13 weeks in April, May, and June around the cost of \$1500.00. Also, discussion about boards/commissions meeting amount to spend
8. **PZDO Report**: Nate will email report to members
9. **NEW BUSINESS**:
 - a. Staff Budget Transfer- discussion about the EDC using the Selectmen's administrative assistant for 1 extra hour a day for EDC projects. Sam Cherenzia asked if the staff could be made available to attend the monthly EDC meeting. Motion was made by Will Mason to allocate no more \$1500 starting April 1st for use of a staff member. Second by Chris Anderson. Motion passed unanimously.
10. **Old Business**:
 - **Update on "North Stonington Works Employer Hiring Bonus Grant Program Implementation and Marketing Plan update-** commission would like to see the program information be sent to businesses. Motion was made by Chris Anderson for

allocating \$200 to get a mailing done. Will Mason seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Update on Business Operational/ Infrastructure**-commission will look at the Overview of the Final Rule (Emily will email). Special meeting set for Monday, March 21st at 6:30PM North Stonington Education Center. The purpose of the meeting is to look over the new grant material. Christine and Nate will work on new grant language.

c. 2022 Regular Meeting Dates- looking over the schedule of other town meetings the commission recommends the new EDC meetings be the 1st Monday of the month. Meetings will be held at the North Stonington Education Center starting at 6:30 PM. Will Mason made the motion for the meeting switch and Chris Anderson seconded. Motion based unanimously.

11. **ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn at 6:41 by Will Mason seconded by Chris Anderson. Motion passed unanimously.

12 . **Next Meeting:** April 4th, 2022

Respectfully Submitted,

Emily Lewis

Secretary, Economic Development Commission