

Economic Development Commission Meeting

Monday, November 7th, 2022, at 6:30

In Person and Via Zoom

Minutes

1. **Call to Order**: Sam Cherenzia called the meeting to order at 6:29 pm.
2. **Members in Attendance**: Christopher Anderson, Emily Lewis, Stefan Grufstedt, Mariah Pfiffner, and Sam Cherenzia
3. **Members absent**: Christopher Friday, Jen Anderson, and Will Mason
4. **Staff Present**: Christine Dias, Ivanna Hugo, and Jim Russell (ZOOM)
5. **Approval of Minutes**: September meeting minutes were adopted
6. **Public Comment**: None
7. **Treasurer's Report**:

A. Approval of invoice from SeCToer – motion was made by Chris Anderson to approve funding SECToer of \$1802.15, Seconded by Stefan Grufstedt. Motion carried

B. Presentation by SECToer giving great resources for businesses in loans and grant programs. And in overview of what resources EDC could use in the future. Discussion about linking information to our website as well as what could be used in the EDC plan revision.

8. **PZDO Report**: No applications at this point. Will continue to work with COG for planning purposes and will continue to work on plan of conservation.

9. **New Business**:

a. Website- Jim Russell shared analytics over the past year. Look at changing the home page and simplifying it to be more user friendly. Chris Anderson will look at making some changes to that. Will continue to be a work in progress so that it can be used to its best capability.

b. North Stonington EDC Business COVID Grant Program reviewing and voting on business applications.

1. Dynamic Building and Energy Solutions motion was made by Chris Anderson, seconded by Stefan Grufstedt. Motion carried for funding of \$10,000

2. Remedy Tree- motion was made by Chris Anderson, seconded by Mariah Pfiffner. Motion carried for funding of \$10,000.

c. Meetings for 2023- Commission set the meetings for the next calendar year. Meetings will remain the 1st Monday of the month unless there is a holiday at 6:30.

d. Annual report submission- Looking at last year's report Sam will work on new information and send it over to Christine. Also looked at the Economic Development Action Plan and divided into sections for members to review and come back for next meeting discussion.

10. Adjournment- Meeting adjourned at 7:39. Motion was made by Chris Anderson and seconded by Mariah Pfiffner.

Next meeting: Monday, January 10th at 6:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Lewis

EDC Secretary