

Economic Development Commission

Monday, April 3rd, 2023, at 6:30

In Person and Via Zoom

Minutes

1. **Call to Order**: Sam Cherenzia called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm.
2. **Members in Attendance**: Sam Cherenzia, Christopher Anderson, Emily Lewis, Will Mason, Stefan Grufstedt, Mariah Pfiffner, and Peggy Merck
3. **Members absent**: Jen Anderson
4. **Staff Present**: Christine Dias and Ivanna Hugo
5. **Approval of Minutes**: February minutes were adopted
6. **Public Comment**: None
7. **Treasurer's Report**: Ivana's stipend is the only money that has been spent at this time
8. **PZDO Report**: interviewing for the position, Hopeful that we will have good news to share soon.
9. **Old Business**:
 - a. Correspondence with solar company- Sam read the email from the company and the commission briefly discussed if this was something that we could assist with. At this time the thought was to create a list of beneficial parcels for solar, etc.
10. **New Business**:
 - a. Contributions of content for POCD/ survey etc.- Commission had a discussion about various ways that it could benefit existing businesses and a little support to businesses that are coming into the area.

* Think about what is missing, where teens can work in the area, attractiveness of the area, signage/ landscape etc. Also, the prospect of sewer with Stonington and Foxwoods. Discussion about pamphlet or other material that would highlight current businesses and attract people from out of town to visit those businesses. This will be

an ongoing conversation and something we would like to talk more to Juliet about. Peggy and Emily will work on the pamphlet, business focused project.

b. EDC boards and commissions- where would it take place? The date is set for June 5th. Ivana will do a doodle to get an idea of what time people would like the event to take place.

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 PM Will Mason made motion. Peggy Merck made the second.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Lewis, EDC Secretary