

**EDC SPECIAL MEETING**  
TUESDAY, January 7, 2020 at 5:30pm  
THE OLD TOWN HALL CONFERENCE ROOM

**APPROVED MINUTES**

**Call to Order:** B. Mastroianni Mastroianni called the meeting to order at 5:36pm

**Members in Attendance:** B. Mastroianni Mastroianni, Salvatore Cherenzia, Nicole Porter, Will Mason, Paul Simonds, Jen Anderson, Stefan Grufstedt and Jen Strunk (alternate).

**Members absent:** Toula Balestracci, Anthony Mazzella

**Staff present:** J. Hodge Hodge, PDZO

**Public Present:** Nita Kincaid, Selectman and Bob Carlson, Selectman. Pat Lewis and Ron Lewis.

**Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:** B. Mastroianni made a motion to amend the 12/19/19 minutes to remove Phil Bauman's name from the list of suggested members for the Farmer's Market subcommittee until he can reach out and talk to him. The motion was seconded by Paul Simonds and motion passed 8-0-0.

**Additions to the Agenda:** None made.

**Treasurer's Report:** J. Hodge reviewed most recent year-to-date report and noted that there had been no changes.

**PDZO Report:** Committee reviewed J. Hodge's activity report. Some of the items discussed included:

- Update on Trillium Brewery plans.
- Application of Michael and Wanda Breidinger for the Event Barn at 125 Folwer Rd. was approved with conditions on 1/2/2020. Some of the conditions include but not limited to only two events/weekend and that tables and chairs are to remain on site and not to be brought in for each event. There does need to be some definition of what a small event vs a large event is.

**New Business**

- Confidentiality Statement/Agreement: B. Mastroianni is working on a draft agreement for all members of the EDC to sign to ensure complete confidentiality about items discussed with the EDC members.
- Sewer Informational Piece: The Selectman have suggested that the EDC help sponsor a general informational leaflet to begin to educate the North Stonington residents about how sewers will positively impact economic development in town. There was a lengthy discussion among the members regarding waiting for more information and answers vs agreeing to sponsor the mailer in the near future. It was agreed on that J. Hodge would invite the Water Pollution Control Authority members to the next EDC meeting to both obtain some answers as well as possibly partner with the WPCA on the mailer.
- Promotional Media: Discussed under the Bumper Sticker Purchase agenda item.

- **Bumper Sticker Purchase:** J. Hodge showed the Commission the purchased and received bumper stickers. It was discussed to pass them out to community members at various locations.

## **Old Business**

**FY 20/21 Budget:** The Commission reviewed the past year's budget and expenditures and through consensus decided on the new budget amounts for each line item that will be submitted to the Boards of Selectman and Finance. No vote was taken, but the Commission agreed to a proposed budget to submit to the BOS.

**Annual Report:** The Annual Report that is due on 1/15/2020. J Hodge provided a draft she had prepared on behalf of the EDC. The Commission reviewed and agreed to submit what was prepared.

**Local Business Engagement:** It was discussed to have the North Stonington Business Open House in mid-May. An additional event was suggested for All Boards and Commissions to go over the Data Report the EDC had seCTer prepare. This event would be before the school April Vacation.

**Farmer's Market Subcommittee:** B. Mastroianni will invite Jen Pensa to the next EDC meeting on 1/21/2020 to discuss next steps.

**Department Reports and Expectations:** B. Mastroianni handed out J. Hodge's job description so all new members could review and understand her role on the EDC.

**Business Directory:** The North Stonington Business Directory will be compiled after the Spring Business Open House.

**Map Project Update:** B. Mastroianni will contact other vendor interested in working on the map, and will provide an update on completion.

**Website Update:** Pictures of all EDC members will be taken at the 1/21/2020 EDC meeting for the new website.

**Bylaws:** All members reviewed the current EDC Bylaws and there were no suggested changes.

**Motion made and seconded (P. Simonds/N. Porter) to adjourn. Motion passed 8-0 Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.**

**Next meeting is Tuesday, January 21st at 5:30pm at New Town Hall Conference Room.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicole Porter & J. Hodge