

EDC REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, July 6, 2021 at 5:30pm

Via Zoom Meeting

Minutes

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Call to Order: Brett Mastroianni called the meeting to order at 5:34pm.

Members in Attendance: Brett Mastroianni, Nicole Porter, Salvatore Cherenzia, Will Mason and Jennifer Dayton.

Members absent: Paul Simonds, Stefan Grufstedt, Jennifer Anderson, Jennifer Strunk (alternate), Anthony Mazzella (alternate).

Staff present: Juliet Hodge

Public Present: Nita Kincaid, Selectwoman, Bob Carlson, Selectman, Pat Lewis, Toula Balestracci.

Public Comment: None.

Additions to the Agenda: A motion was made to add Approval of the Minutes to the agenda (N. Porter/W. Mason). Motion passed 5-0.

Approval of Minutes: Accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report: No recent or new transactions.

PDZO Report: None given.

New Business:

- a. **Workflow during PZDO Vacancy:** M. Urgo sent a letter to EDC members detailing a proposal to shift some of the PZDO's responsibilities to SECOG, which is a regional government format that will fill in for J. Hodge once she is gone. There was also a proposal to break apart the current PZDO role into separate jobs/staff, creating a different model of coverage. On Wednesday, 7/14/21, B. Mastroianni, L. Steinbrecker and M. Urgo will meet to discuss the long term plan. B. Mastroianni is not in favor of taking the PZDO role out of the hands of the EDC and P+Z. It was suggested that the Selectman and Chairs of EDC and P+Z meet with J. Hodge to get a better understanding of what was not manageable with the current role and what can be done to remedy that in the future to retain qualified people.

Old Business:

- a. **American Relief Plan, EDC Business Resource Plan:** B. Mastroianni will present the EDC's suggested proposal on use for the funds for our local businesses at the next Board of Selectman meeting. There was a lengthy discussion about how the EDC members envisioned a business application process detailing need for the money based on neutral metrics. A sub-committee of B. Mastroiann, N. Porter, W. Mason and S. Cherenzia will meet to finalize the details.

Motion to adjourn at 7:00 pm (W. Mason/S. Cherenzia) Motion carried 5-0.

Next EDC meeting is schedule on July 20, 2021 at 5:30p at the **Media Center of the North Stonington Education Center.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicole Porter