



REGULAR EDC MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2018 AT 5:00PM
TOWN OFFICES AT HOLY GREEN PLAZA

APPROVED MINUTES

B. Mastroianni called the 1/18/18 Regular Meeting of the EDC to order at 5:15pm. Full quorum present.

Member in Attendance were: *Brett Mastroianni, David Isom, Dugan Tillman-Brown, Toulia Balestracci, Salvatore Cherenzia, George Tatersall, and Lisa Wood*

Members Absent: Paul Simonds

Staff present: Juliet Hodge, PDZO

Public in attendance: Mike Urgo, Nita Kincaid, Bob Carlson, Beth Tillman, Brianne Casadei, Ryan Blessing

Public Comments: Discussion on the logistics of a year-round farmers' market. Whether or not this should be run by the town or if it is self-sustainable. B.Tillman of Firefly Farms and B.Casadei spoke on behalf of farmers that participate in regular farmers' market. B.Casadei suggested looking into USDA funding for the program to help fund a Market Master for the 1st year and will discuss with B.Mastroianni and J.Hodge the available options.

Approval of Minutes: Motion made and seconded (D. Isom/T.Balestracci) to approve the December 21, 2017 minutes. Motion passed.

Treasurer Report: Discussed being billed for the unused cell phone and J.Hodge's transportation report for reimbursement. Discussed using a service like Cricket to forward calls.

Motion made and seconded (D.Isom/S.Cherenzia) to Approve Treasurer's Report. Motion Passed

New Business:

- Discussion of micro-brewery and associated retail, restaurant and accommodations at a property located off East Clarks Fall Road. Zoning is an issue for the overnight accommodations as any country Inn type use needs to be located off a primary road. Could consider adopting an Agricultural Heritage Floating Zone similar to what Stonington recently adopted.
- Discussed the necessity of having signed Confidentiality agreement in place to ensure businesses that sensitive information will remain confidential. J. Hodge discussed her reluctance to discuss details about certain prospective businesses in part because there are often other Board members or public who attend meetings. Initial discussions may need to remain private until the business decides to make their intentions known to the Selectmen or EDC. EDC does not have a written and executed

policy. J.Hodge to look for previous confidentiality agreement for EDC to modify and approve. Further discussion of when to disclose, what's public information, and certain rights for potential businesses.

- Budget: N.Kincaid stated budget is due on Monday January 22, 2018. Annual town meeting on first Monday in May, per town ordinance. Action plan: B. Mastroianni and J. Hodge to meet to discuss the budget.
- Some potential funding needed for the creation of marketing material. J.Hodge would like marketing material for the new resort commercial zone. Mapping showing various layers for select parcels would be a helpful start. J.Hodge suggested creating a speculative master plan - working with planning and zoning to share the work and expense. The mapping and marketing material could be used on the website, at meetings with prospective developers/investors, and at trade shows. J. Hodge to invite James Dodd from Impact Design to the next meeting to discuss a possible map/business directory idea. Discussed next steps and cost of restoring the lost content on the EDC website that was created but lost last year. Also discussed ways to increase number/frequency of social media postings.

PDZO Report: J. Hodge reviewed her activity for the previous month.

- J. Hodge making initial arrangements to host a CERC/CEDAS municipal training session in the spring. Possible location – Lake of Isles.
- J. Hodge working on a whole-scale edit of the current Town Ordinances. EDC needs to review their section and send changes to J. Hodge.
- Dollar General - site plan being reviewed in February. There will be no public hearing
- M. Urgo and J.Hodge met with R. Simmons, Stonington 1st Selectman, and the Director of the Stonington WPCA, regarding next steps with respect to determining the feasibility and cost of tying into the Stonington Sewer System. The group decided that the first step would be to update the Beta Engineering Study done in 2014. N. Stonington would use existing funds designated for a sewer study to pay for the updated Study.
- Annual reports are due. J.Hodge needs information about, events, meetings to add to the report.

Motion to Adjourn made and seconded (D. Isom/D. Tillman-Brown) to adjourn meeting at 7:21pm.

Motion carried 7:0

Respectfully Submitted,
T. Balestracci and J. Hodge

**NEXT MEETING IS ON FEBRUARY 15, 2018 AT 5:15PM TOWN OFFICES AT HOLY GREEN
PLAZA**