



Town of *North Stonington*
Connecticut



Economic Development Commission

Regular Hybrid Meeting

MONDAY, April 4th 6:30 PM

NORTH STONINGTON EDUCATION CENTER

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1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**
2. **ROLL CALL:** Salvatore Cherenzia, IV - Chair, Chris Anderson - Vice Chair, Emily Lewis – Sec, William A. Mason – Tres, Jennifer Anderson, Christopher Friday, Stefan Grufstedt, Mariah Pfiffner.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
 - a. Motion to Approve: 1st March and 21st March (Special Meeting)
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**
5. **TREASURERS REPORT:**
6. **PZDO REPORT:**
7. **NEW BUSINESS:**
8. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - a. Update on “North Stonington Works” Employer Hiring Bonus Grant Program
 - Implementation and Marketing Plan
 - b. Update on Business Operational/infrastructure grant program
 - Discuss policy questions
 - c. North Stonington Quarterly-moving forward who will facilitate this task
 - d. All boards and commissions meeting
 - e. Website/ social marketing
9. **ADJOURNMENT:**
10. **NEXT MEETING:** May 2nd 2022, 5:30 PM

Economic Development Commission Meeting

Tuesday, March 1st 5:30 PM

North Stonington Education Center

In Person and Via Zoom

Minutes

1. **Call to Order**: Sam Cherenzia called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm.

2. **Members in Attendance**: Sam Cherenzia, Christopher Anderson, Will Mason, Emily Lewis, Stefan Grufstedt and Mariah Pfiffner

3. **Members absent**: Christopher Friday and Jennifer Anderson

4. **Staff Present**: Nathan Reichert, PZDO and Christine Dias, Finance

5. **Approval of Minutes**: January minutes amended, and February minutes were approved unanimously

6. **Public Comment**: None

7. **Treasurers Report**: Start with \$7065.00 and end with \$4610.00. Looking at the expense of someone to help with EDC work roughly \$23 an hour for 13 weeks in April, May, and June around the cost of \$1500.00. Also, discussion about boards/commissions meeting amount to spend

8. **PZDO Report**: Nate will email report to members

9. **NEW BUSINESS**:
 - a. Staff Budget Transfer- discussion about the EDC using the Selectmen's administrative assistant for 1 extra hour a day for EDC projects. Sam Cherenzia asked if the staff could be made available to attend the monthly EDC meeting. Motion was made by Will Mason to allocate no more \$1500 starting April 1st for use of a staff member. Second by Chris Anderson. Motion passed unanimously.

10. **Old Business**:
 - **Update on "North Stonington Works Employer Hiring Bonus Grant Program Implementation and Marketing Plan update-** commission would like to see the program information be sent to businesses. Motion was made by Chris Anderson for

allocating \$200 to get a mailing done. Will Mason seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Update on Business Operational/ Infrastructure**-commission will look at the Overview of the Final Rule (Emily will email). Special meeting set for Monday, March 21st at 6:30PM North Stonington Education Center. The purpose of the meeting is to look over the new grant material. Christine and Nate will work on new grant language.

c. 2022 Regular Meeting Dates- looking over the schedule of other town meetings the commission recommends the new EDC meetings be the 1st Monday of the month. Meetings will be held at the North Stonington Education Center starting at 6:30 PM. Will Mason made the motion for the meeting switch and Chris Anderson seconded. Motion based unanimously.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**: Motion to adjourn at 6:41 by Will Mason seconded by Chris Anderson. Motion passed unanimously.

12 . **Next Meeting**: April 4th, 2022

Respectfully Submitted,

Emily Lewis

Secretary, Economic Development Commission

Economic Development Commission Special Meeting

Monday, March 21st, 2022, at 6:30

In Person and Via Zoom

Minutes

1. **Call to Order**: Sam Cherenzia called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM

2. **Roll Call**: Will Mason, Jennifer Anderson, Stefan Grufstedt, Mariah Pfiffner, Emily Lewis, Sam Cherenzia, and Chris Anderson

3. **Staff Present**: Nate Reichert and Christine Dias

4. **Public Comment**: Brett Mastroianni expressed concern that there were restrictions that would make it hard for businesses to apply. He presented applications from New Milford and Bethel that were like what the commission is trying to accomplish.

5. **Business operational/Infrastructure grant program**: Clarity was given that businesses can do reimbursements and/or purchases after receiving money. There will be no direct payment to vendors. Question about how businesses will show loss and or need of expenditures. Number of employees will be changed to maximum of 50. Discussion about how to handle tax delinquency. Applications and final summaries will have to be notarized. Commission will hold special meetings to review applications. Christine and Nate will update the document from the feedback with the goal to be that it can be voted on at the April meeting. An email and a phone number for support/questions will be provided in the packet.

6. **Adjournment**: Will Mason made the motion to adjourn at 7:41, Emily Lewis seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Emily Lewis EDC Secretary