



Town of Somers
Economic Development Commission
Meeting Minutes

DATE & TIME September 30, 2025

LOCATION: Town Hall

Attendees: Jim O'Hearn, Melissa Zelek, Matthew Beggs, Karen Murdoch, Shawn Curtis

1. Call to Order - 6:00 pm
2. Review and Approval of Past Meeting Minutes
 - a. May meeting minutes approved
3. Correspondence
 - a. Shawn helping with posting of information on facebook for EDC
 - b. Lots of traffic regarding posting for Hazardville Wellness ribbon cutting
4. Old Business
 - a. Business of the Month, re-brand and restructure. Commission members to work on revised structure for next meeting.
 - b. Budget status, need to clarify payment for Blue Dot. May have to reduce spending on other line items.
 - c. Email account established for EDC as edc@somersct.gov address.
 - d. Directory update,
5. New Business
 - a. Lisa Houlihan, Planner for Ellington, Staff Representative for EDC met with commission to share ideas. Ellington is a Conn Econ Dev Association member. Some of the programs used include: Tax abatement for new businesses. Shop local campaign. Farm Day, farmers market. Business networking events.
 - b. Ribbon cutting at Hazardville Wellness well received. Want to work out system with town clerk to get information about new businesses when they apply or register.
 - c. Work on ways to get feedback from EDC advertising, such as QR code or other feedback.
6. Business Issues
 - a. None.
7. Adjournment 7:12 pm

Minutes are not Official until Approved at a Subsequent Meeting