



Town of Somers

Meeting Information			
Meeting:	Economic Development Commission Monthly Meeting		
Date:	Tuesday, September 29, 2026	Time:	6:00 pm
Meeting Leader/Facilitator:	Shawn Curtis, Chairman	Place:	Town Hall – Lower Level 600 Main Street, Somers, CT 06071
Meeting Objective:	Regular Monthly Meeting		

Participant	Attend?	Other Participant(s)	Affiliation or Address
Shawn Curtis, Chairman			
Karen Murdoch, Secretary			
Melissa Zelek, Member			
Matthew Beggs, Member			
Gail Kulas, Member			
Holly Bonasera, Alternate Member			

Agenda Item/ Minutes recorded in red following the meeting	Responsible	Est. Time
1. Call to Order	Shawn Curtis	1 min
2. Motion to Approve Meeting Minutes: Month of August	Shawn Curtis	1 min
3. Public Comment	Open Discussion	As Needed
4. Correspondence	Shawn Curtis	5 min
5. Old Business		10 min
a. Review outstanding action items (prior month's)	Shawn Curtis	
b. Budget Update	Shawn Curtis	
c. CCM's Municipal Excellence Awards - SHINE	Shawn Curtis	
d. Support / Shop Local Signs	Gail Kulas	
6. Present Committee Reports & Discussion	Team Members	~70 min
a. Business of the Month - September: Fortune Fuel	Melissa Zelek	5 min
b. Planned Development Districts / Tax Increment Financing District(s) - Reflections and actions from September 3, 2026 BoS Meeting	Matthew Beggs / Shawn Curtis	10 min
c. September Business Networking Event Reflections & Actions – 596 Main Street	EDC	10 min
d. Somers Center - Roadshow / Community Engagement (Rotary, RTC, DTC, Seniors, Girl Scouts & More)	Shawn Curtis	5 min
e. Four Town Fair Update	Holly Bonasera	5 min
f. Business Engagement (BluDot & Outreach)	Gail Kulas	2 min



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- Database Refresh		
g. Business Networking and Mentorship - Collaboration with SHS / Mentor Breakfast - November Networking Event	Gail Kulas	10 min
h. CT Main Street Center	Melissa Zelek	5 min
i. Special Projects Committee Update - 55 School Street RFP	Karen Murdoch	10 min
j. Tolland County Chamber of Commerce Update	Holly Bonasera / Matthew Beggs	2 min
k. North Central Chamber of Commerce Update	Karen Murdoch / Gail Kulas	2 min
l. Somers Farmers Market	Melissa Zelek / Holly Bonasera	5 min
m. State of CT Commissions Update - CT Economic Development Partnership Conference Update (9/23) - CT Council of Small Towns (COST) Fall Conference – Wed. 10/21 - CEDAS Annual Meeting and Best Practices Awards Ceremony – Wed. 10/21 - CCM 44 th Annual Convention – 10/27 and 10/28	Shawn Curtis	10 min
7. New Business	Team Members	20 min
a. Discuss decisions needed <i>See decisions reached section</i>		
b. Somers Infrastructure Update	Shawn Curtis	10 min
8. Review new action items (current mtg) - <i>See new/outstanding action items section</i>		7 min
9. Motion to Adjourn Meeting		1 min

#	Action Item or Issue Description	Owner	Date Opened	Priority				Status	Target Date
				Show Stopper	High	Medium	Low		
1.	Draft proposal for Farmers Market	M. Zelek / H. Bonasera	7/28/26				X		August 25, 2026
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Decisions Needed		
#	Topic	Description
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3.		

Decisions Reached		
#	Topic	Description
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Parking Lot			
#	Date Opened	Owner	Item or Issue Description
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2.			
3.			

Resolved Action Items or Issues					
#	Item or Issue Description	Owner	Date Opened	Resolution/Comments	Close Date
1.	BluDot Renewal & Extension	Gail Kulas	August	EDC will 'refresh' the database (\$390) & Renew subscription for one more year through May 2027, where at that time we will reevaluate the investment (\$1,140).	September
2.	Mentorship Draft Proposal	Gail Kulas	August	G. Kulas presented a plan for mentorship program. Program to start October. Need buy in from school.	September
3.	Business Networking Event – Sept.	Shawn Curtis	August	Planning event on Sept 24th or 25th at 596 Main Street to showcase available real estate to potential new businesses.	September
4.	Four Town Fair and Shop Local Signs	Holly Bonasera / Gail Kulas	August	EDC voted to use funds to rent a booth at the four-town fair, purchase "Shop Local" window signs and lawn signs to sell at fair.	September
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6.					