



Town of Somers

Meeting Information			
Meeting:	Economic Development Commission Monthly Meeting		
Date:	Tuesday, August 25, 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 July – July 28, 2026	Shawn Curtis	1 min
3. Public Comment	Open Discussion	As Needed
4. Correspondence	Shawn Curtis	15 min
5. Old Business		10 min
a. Review outstanding action items (prior month's)		
b. Budget Update	Shawn Curtis	
6. Present Committee Reports & Discussion	Team Members	40 min
a. Business of the Month	Melissa Zelek	
b. Business Engagement (BluDot & Outreach)	Gail Kulas	
c. Business Networking and Mentorship	Gail Kulas	
d. Tax Increment Financing District / Planned Development Districts	Matthew Beggs / Shawn Curtis	
e. Large Projects (Gail?)	Karen Murdoch	
f. Tolland County Chamber of Commerce Update	Holly Bonasera / Matthew Beggs	
g. North Central Chamber of Commerce Update	Karen Murdoch / Gail Kulas	
h. CEDAS Update	Shawn Curtis	
7. New Business	Team Members	40 min



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a. Discuss decisions needed <i>See decisions reached section</i>		
b. CCM's Municipal Excellence Awards – Nominations	Shawn Curtis	
c. Support / Shop Local Signs	Gail Kulas	
d. Somers Farmers Market	Melissa Zelek	
e. Four Town Fair – Possible Sponsorship & Engagement	Holly Bonasera	
f. 596 Main Street Open House / Business Networking Event	Shawn Curtis	
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.	Refresh BluDot Database & Approve Spend	G. Kulas	7/28/26			X		In progress	August 1, 2026
2.	BluDot Database Renewal – 2026	G. Kulas	7/28/26		X			Approved	August 5, 2026
3.	Draft proposal for business/school mentorship event(s)	G. Kulas	7/28/26						August 25, 2026
4.	Draft proposal for Shark Tank event	G. Kulas	7/28/26						August 25, 2026
5.	Draft proposal for Farmers Market	M. Zelek / H. Bonasera	7/28/26				X		August 25, 2026
6.	Review strategic plan and action item document, send comments/feedback to Commissioner/Commission members	Commission Members	7/28/26	X				In progress	August 14, 2026
7.									
8.									

Decisions Needed		
#	Topic	Description
1.		
2.		
3.		

Decisions Reached		
#	Topic	Description
1.	BluDot Extension	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).
2.		
3.		



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Decisions Reached		
#	Topic	Description
4.		
5.		

Parking Lot			
#	Date Opened	Owner	Item or Issue Description
1.			
2.			
3.			

Resolved Action Items or Issues					
#	Item or Issue Description	Owner	Date Opened	Resolution/Comments	Close Date
1.					
2.					
3.					
4.					
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