Town of Somers

Meeting Information			
Meeting:	**Economic Development Commission Monthly Meeting**		
Date:	Tuesday, November 10, 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			

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 September**	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. Special BoS Meeting re: Land Use - October	Shawn Curtis	
6. **Present Committee Reports & Discussion**	Team Members	**~70 min**
a. Business of the Month - November	Melissa Zelek	5 min
b. Planned Development Districts / Tax Increment Financing District(s)	Matthew Beggs	10 min
c. Business Engagement (BluDot & Outreach) - Database Refresh	Gail Kulas	2 min
d. Business Networking and Mentorship - Collaboration with SHS / Mentor Breakfast - November Networking Event	Gail Kulas	10 min
e. Somers Center - Roadshow / Community Engagement (Rotary, RTC, DTC, Seniors, Girl Scouts & More)	Shawn Curtis	5 min

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f. CT Main Street Center	Melissa Zelek	5 min
g. Special Projects Committee Update - 55 School Street RFP	Karen Murdoch	10 min
h. Tolland County Chamber of Commerce Update	Matthew Beggs	2 min
i. North Central Chamber of Commerce Update	Karen Murdoch / Gail Kulas	2 min
j. Somers Farmers Market	Melissa Zelek	5 min
k. State of CT Commissions Update - CT Council of Small Towns (COST) Fall Conference – Wed. 10/21	Shawn Curtis	10 min
7. **New Business**	Team Members	**20 min**
a. Discuss decisions needed *See decisions reached section*		
b. Shawn Curtis Resignation / Handover	Shawn Curtis	10 min
8. **Review new action items** (current mtg) - *See new/outstanding action items section*		**7 min**
9. **Motion to Adjourn Meeting**		**1 min**

#	Action Item or Issue Description	Owner	Date Opened	Priority				Status	Target Date
				Showstopper	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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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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