

## REGULAR MEETING AGENDA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

August 27, 2025 at 7pm Bantam Annex: 80 Doyle Road, Bantam, CT 06750

Join Zoom Meeting

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- 1. Call meeting to order
- 2. Appoint alternate member(s) for the meeting, as needed
- 3. EDC membership and official (re)election of officers
  - Victoria Butkus
  - Amanda Glover
- 4. Approve minutes of July 30, 2025 meeting
- 5. Public comment
- 6. Finance updates:
  - o Connecticut Community Foundation (Sept. 8)
  - Connecticut Humanities (Dec. 1)
  - Connecticut Community Foundation (Mar. 17)
  - Stacey Dionne will be sure to draw expenses from our Operating (Town-funded) budget
  - Once the "treasurer" role is active, we will reach out to Stacey monthly to get the latest balance sheet, to discuss at each EDC meeting
- 7. Marketing and branding Litchfield:
  - VLCT QR code window decal stickers
  - Seasonal itineraries
    - 1,000 to The Big E
    - 1,500 @ 300/ea to Belden, Abner, Wisdom, Lost Fox, Litchfield Inn
    - 250 to Information Booth
    - 250 elsewhere (businesses, Plein Air Litchfield, etc.)
  - Print guides and sponsorships
    - T. Bares made slew of updates to design file
    - Digital bonus due for The Spa at Litchfield Hills
  - o Plein Air Litchfield (M. Murelli)
  - Marketing performance, historical data (D. Clement)
  - o Info booth (R. Betar)
  - Other:
    - Litchfield Restaurant Week 2026
    - Litchfield businesses database (Q3 2025)
    - Litchfield Exchange (Q4 2025)
    - Merch (2026)
    - America 250
- 8. Upcoming events:
  - o Creative Economy Summit to Spotlight Culture's Role in Regional Growth: 9/11

- o <u>Litchfield County's 2025 Housing Affordability Summit</u>: 9/29
- o <u>CT Trail Symposium</u>: 10/3
- o World Trails Film Festival: 10/3
- NW CT Manufacturing Expo: 10/23

## 9. New business:

- Art walk (D. Clement)
- o Love Litchfield Day (T. Bares)

## 10. Old business:

- Litchfield signage
- Starting a business in Litchfield (testimonials?)
- o Chamber music concerts
- o Public policy liaison

## 11. Adjourn

Next regular meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, September 24 at 7pm at the Bantam Annex.