April 2, 2015

To:     Mark B. Walter, First Selectman
         Robert Casner, Chairman
         East Haddam Economic Development Commissioners
From:   Peter Simmons
Subj:   Economic Development Progress Report #38 – March 2015

1. Business Development
   a. Dutch Propane
      i. Continued assistance with financing
   b. M&P Impressions
      i. Met with owner: landlord demanding that M&P move to another portion of the plaza; M&P opposed to move; complex relationship
      ii. M&P needs highly visible walk-in commercial location; current location does not generate walk in traffic; town will likely lose M&P to another location.
   c. See Planning & Zoning Bullet

2. East Haddam Tax and Business Assistance Program
   a. Received feedback from Town Attorney. Redrafted ordinance
   b. Next Step: April 1st Board of Selectman Meeting

3. East Haddam Business Association Participation: NSTR

4. Shagbark: NSTR

5. East Haddam Planning and Zoning
   a. Continued draft of revamp to IG District Regulations
      i. Consolidations
      ii. Establish uses by right
      iii. Next step meeting with Jim V with working draft
   b. Business Support: March 10th Marathon Public Hearing
      i. 32 Main Street’s special exception modification to expand business
      ii. I-Park’s planned expansion of their Artist Residency Complex
      iii. Grandview Campground
   c. Attended Town C & D Plan Meeting held on March 24th

6. Town Restaurant Menu Displays
   a. Identifying Town Office location to place restaurant brochures
   b. Coordinating with Restaurants
   c. If approved by 1st Selectman, will need to purchase a brochure display stand
   d. Request EDC’s approval of the concept.

7. Attended March 17th Stakeholder Meeting for the Valley RR Study sponsored by COG; Preliminary economic study of expanding RR for tourism or freight

8. Selectman’s Office Support
   a. Supported 2nd revision to the Ag Center STEAP Grant Scope/budget.
   b. Researched Brownfield Programs and Town/Project Eligibility