

May 1, 2014

To: East Haddam Economic Development Commission
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Subj: Economic Development Progress Report #27 – April 2014

1. Business Development
 - a. Continuing to work closely with New England Propeller Services on their expansion
 - i. Finalized New Public/Private funding Package
 - ii. Tax Incentive: reviewing with incentive program with NEPS
 - b. Eddie's Autobody
 - i. Tax Incentive: town attorney preparing draft agreement
 - c. Continued to assist Hillside Sweet Shoppe with state and town approvals regarding their planned move to Norwich Road.
 - d. Assisted start up business register with State Agencies
 - e. Coordinated town agency meetings (land use & bldg depart) with local businesses
2. Norwich Road Bridge Reconstruction
 - a. Assisted 1st Selectman with Detour Signage coordination
 - b. Miscellaneous follow up with businesses and CONNDOT
3. Town Economic Development Strategic Plan Development
 - a. Reviewed Chapter 8 revision of Town Plan of Conservation & Development; redrafting chapter for resubmission.
 - b. Continued Development of Town Strategic Plan for Economic Development
4. Financial Assistance Programs and Grant Management
 - a. Department of Agriculture: Farmland Restoration Grant
 - i. Follow up with State on application
 - ii. Follow up with State on payment application
 - b. Researched federal and private sources for grant support for town economic development
5. Food Processing Plant
 - a. Assisted with Schematic Design Review Meetings with Architect
 - b. Continued search for financial resources for additional site activities