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To: East Haddam Economic Development Commission

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Subj: Economic Development Progress Report #31 – August 2014

1. Continued work on draft Business Start Up Guide to East Haddam; no significant progress

2. Business Development

- a. New England Propeller Services expansion
 - i. Warehouse expansion nearly complete
 - ii. Working with NEPS to complete tax incentive agreement
- b. Dutch Oil: providing technical assistance
- c. Assisting Cameron Family Farm with growth planning
- d. Supported Grandview Campground application at P & Z
- e. Provided technical assistance to several start-up/prospective businesses
- f. Organized a site visit and meeting between real estate investors and property owner(s) (confidential)
- g. Coordinating a meeting (to be arranged) with Pastor Adam of St. Stephen's Church to discuss their sponsorship of a web-based loan program for business development
- 3. EDC input needed on the Town Tax Incentive Program
 - a. Redistributed draft of program revision
 - b. Arranging review meeting with First Selectman and Tax Assessor
- 4. Harris Property: Center for Community Agriculture
 - a. Participated in Schematic Design Review Meetings with Architect
 - b. Supported First Selectman at various town meetings
 - c. Prepared budget revision and extension for Finance Director
- 5. Transfer Station
 - a. Attended 8/20 Board of Selectmen Meeting on Station Options
 - b. Researched Grant programs to support potential options
 - c. Planning support for Public Works grant writing