

April 3, 2014

To: East Haddam Economic Development Commission
From: Peter Simmons
Cc: Mark Walter
Subj: Economic Development Progress Report #26 – March 2014

1. Business Development
 - a. Continuing to work closely with New England Propeller Services on their expansion
 - i. USDA Mtg
 - ii. DECD Mtg
 - iii. Tax Incentive: Waiting for Town Attorney to draft Agreement
 - b. Eddie's Autobody
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 - c. Advised several new businesses/start ups regarding Town and state programs
 - d. Assisted Hillside Sweet Shoppe with town approvals regarding their planned move to Norwich Road.
 - i. Local approvals
 - ii. State Public Health Water System application preparation
2. Norwich Road Bridge Reconstruction
 - a. Coordinated with First Selectman and Land on Detour Map Development
 - b. Provided write up and detour map for town website.
 - c. Next Steps: Business Signage Coordination
3. Financial Assistance Programs and Grant Management
 - a. Department of Agriculture: Farmland Restoration Grant: Applying for up to \$20,000 for Land Clearing for the Food Processing Center and Green Houses
 - i. BOS endorsed application
 - ii. BOF approved Application at March 10th Meeting
 - iii. Finalized and submitted application to CT Depart of Agriculture
 - b. Researched private charitable foundations for grant support for town economic development
4. Food Processing Plant
 - a. Participated in Pre-Design Review Meeting
 - b. Reviewed Architect Contract