

February 5, 2015

To: Mark B. Walter, First Selectman; East Haddam Economic Development Commission
From: Peter Simmons
Subj: Economic Development Progress Report #36 – January 2015

1. Business Development
 - a. New England Propeller Services expansion:
 - i. Certificate of Occupancy Inspection issued for new building
 - ii. Re-starting Tax Incentive Agreement – provided documents to new town attorney
 - b. Dutch Propane
 - i. Continued Assistance with project financing
 - ii. Town Tax Incentive Program Application on temporary hold pending potential program amendment
2. East Haddam Tax and Business Assistance Program
 - a. Board of Selectman approved proposed changes at January 7th meeting
 - b. Provided ordinance redraft to Town Attorney
 - c. Anticipating feedback in February from Town Attorney
3. East Haddam Business Association meeting with Selectman
 - a. Attended January 21, 2014 joint BOS/EHBA meeting
 - b. Town Officials (land use, health district, etc.) will be present for questions
 - c. Key Topics
 - i. Means to improve communications between Town and Businesses
 - ii. Tourism
 - iii. Village Improvements
 - iv. Improving timeframes and predictability of Town approvals
4. Shagbark
 - a. Assisted in organizing Town Fire Marshal Re-Inspection of building improvements
 - b. Attended the January 13th P & Z meeting
5. East Haddam Village Revitalization
 - a. Drafted Power Point Paper on planning elements
 - b. Researched Development Organization Structures
 - c. Drafting Scope of Study for Master Planning (Town and Village)
6. Note: Blizzard – January 26 – 27, Storm – February 2