

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Selectman, will need to purchase a brochure display stand
  - d. Request EDC's approval of the concept.**
7. Attended March 17<sup>th</sup> 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