

East Haddam Economic Development Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 7, 2016

Attending: R. Casner; D. Bergeron; R. Parady; P. Rubenbauer; K. Staehly; F. Weissbach

Absent: J. Albuquerque; G. Rucker

Guests: E. Blaschik; M. Walter

Mr. Casner called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Minutes – The Commissioners reviewed the minutes from the February 4, 2016 Special Meeting. Mr. Casner requested the following revisions be made to those minutes:

- Page 1 (Call To Order) - Revise the following sentence to include the underlined words: *He thanked Mr. Dedusaj, owner of the Gelston House Restaurant, for donating the space for the meeting.*
- Page 2 (Paragraph 4 – Open Discussion – Board Members) – Revise the following sentence to include the underlined words: *Mr. Casner introduced Senator Linares who stated that he feels the Lower River Valley is the “Napa Valley” of the east coast and discussed his support of sewer/water infrastructure improvements for Haddam and the Route 82 corridor project.*

MR. WEISSBACH MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY MR. STAEHLY, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 4, 2016 SPECAIL MEETING AS AMENDED. UNANIMOUS AYE.

OLD BUSINESS

Status Reports:

EDC Chairman Update – Mr. Casner reported on the following:

- EDC Coordinator Position – He and the First Selectmen are researching the possibility of a shared position with other towns.
- Chapter 8 was presented to the Planning & Zoning Commission and is awaiting their approval.

First Selectmen’s Report – Mr. Walter reported on the following:

- East Haddam Village – He and the EDC Chairman have had discussions with planning professionals regarding the Goodspeed Landing area. Mr. Weissbach stated that he feels the Town needs to get the Goodspeed Theatre on board with the planning process and suggested the First Selectman invite the Goodspeed Executive Director to the next regular EDC meeting. The Commissioners agreed with Mr. Weissbach’s recommendation and, in response to a request from Mr. Casner, First Selectman Walter agreed to arrange a meeting with the Goodspeed’s Executive Director.

Tourism Committee – In response to a request made by Mr. Casner, Mr. Staehly and Mr. Bergeron agreed to look into using ads in the Events magazine and the East Haddam News for a business spotlight and to report back at the Board’s next meeting with costs and their recommendation.

NEW BUSINESS

Mail Received – There was no mail discussed at the meeting.

Pay Bills – Mr. Casner advised that EDC had received an invoice from Mr. Nemergutt for his driveway design work at the Town Office Site.

MR. WEISSBACH MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY MR. PARADY TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF MR. NEMERGUTT’S INVOICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$633.75. UNANIMOUS AYE.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at the meeting.

OTHER, EDC ORDINANCE REVISION

There were no additional updates at the meeting.

THERE BEING NO ADDITIONAL BUSINESS TO DISCUSS, MR. WEISSBACH MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY MR. BERGERON TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. UNANIMOUS AYE.

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Sharon R. Wheeler
Recording Secretary