

July 9, 2012

To: East Haddam Economic Development Commission
From: Peter Simmons

Subj: Economic Development Progress Report #6 –June 4, 2012 to July 9, 2012

1. DEEP Sunrise Resort: DEEP dispatched letter o/a week ending June 29th informing both respondents that their proposals were not compliant with the conditions of the RFP.
2. Business Development
 - a. Prepared and distributed (6/18/2012) an outreach emailing to town businesses regarding the state Job Expansion Tax Credit “JET” Program.
 - b. Visited Four Town Businesses and provided information on technical and financial assistance.
 - c. Coffee House: seeking alternate site
3. Agricultural Economic Development
 - a. Preparing an application to OPM for a STEAP grant to construct a 3000 SF barn on the Harris Property to support the community farm (due in August 1). July will require attendance at BOF and BOS meetings to gain approval of grant application.
 - b. Preparing an application to DoAg to request additional grant support for the Harris Property through the Farm Viability Grant Program (due in November).
 - c. Coordinated with the Middlesex Chamber and CT Farm Bureau regarding publicity support for the Ballek Farm 350th anniversary celebration on 7/7/2012
 - d. Researched winery start up requirements and technical support; provide information sheet to several interested parties.
4. Norwich Road Sewer Extension Analysis: NSTR
5. CT OPM announced their receipt of applications for grant funding through the new Main Street Investment Grant. Reviewing the program material to determine town eligibility for grant funding. Coordinating with James Ventres. Applications are due to OPM by September 28th.
6. CONNDOT Coordination
 - a. Mobility Project: CONNDOT reviewing plans; arranging meeting w/Mr. Patel.
 - b. Swing Bridge: met with CONNDOT (Richard van Allan) on Friday, June 8. Mr. van Allan re-affirmed CONNDOT’s commitment to cooperate with the town on the bridge
 - CONNDOT will petition USCG to modify the opening schedule after coordination with Haddam and the marina.
 - Coordinating proposal with Town of Haddam
 - Mr. van Allan will coordinate with CONNDOT Highway to post better bridge signs on RT 82 and 149.
 - Process will still take some time with no guarantee.

NSTR = Nothing Significant to Report