

September 4, 2012

To: East Haddam Economic Development Commission
From: Peter Simmons

Subj: Economic Development Progress Report #8 - July and August 2012

1. DEEP Sunrise Resort: NSTR – several calls and emails into DEEP
2. East Haddam Tax Abatement Program
 - a. Updated the 3/2011 Application to incorporate comments from Town Attorney
 - b. Coordinated with Linda Z to add the program material to the Town EDC website
3. Business Development
 - a. Coffee House: contract on 374 Town Street Site. Received preliminary DOT approval. Coordinating with DPH for a new screening opinion regarding the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN); DPH has all requested material for the CPCN; with Mr. Thiede's purchase of the property, DPH will issue their finding. Mr. Thiede had a productive meeting with CHD week of 8/27.
 - b. May have first application for the Town Tax Abatement to support business expansion on the former Norpro site.
 - c. Met with Ray of Light Farm
4. Agricultural Economic Development
 - a. Completed and submitted the application to OPM for a STEAP grant of \$431,200 to construct a 3000 SF barn and greenhouses on the Harris Property to support the community farm. Attended the BOF and BOS meetings to gain approval of grant application.
 - b. Supporting the Land Use Office application for a Main Street Investment Grant in the amount of \$500,000 for the completion of sidewalks in Moodus Village to improve pedestrian safety.
 - c. Researching and drafting organizational structure for agricultural development authority to manage the Harris Farm
 - d. Reviewing feasibility of Town application to CT Dept of Ag for Farm Viability Grant assistance (application due Nov 2012)
5. Coordinated issue between Little Noises Daycare Center and Board of Education/Parent-Teacher Organization proposal to use Middle School facilities for a YMCA managed after school child care program. Daycare Center felt that the use of town property gave the YMCA an unfair advantage and could adversely affect the Daycare Business. Met with School Superintendent. BOE decided to table proposal.
6. Norwich Road Sewer Extension Analysis: Analysis Completed
 - a. Extension of sewer up Norwich Road to Town Street and area businesses
 - b. Total estimated cost: \$1.8 million
 - c. Annual cost: \$130,000
 - d. State financial assistance unlikely
 - e. EDC Decision Point for next steps
7. CONNDOT Coordination
 - a. Mobility Project: Met with CONNDOT on July 25th to review plan progress and schedule.

NSTR = Nothing Significant to Report

- i. Two Crosswalks and associated sidewalk improvements
 - ii. Prepared and submitted Public Notification Press Release for Media
 - iii. Next Steps
 1. Review and amend engineer's contract
 2. Revise Final Design
 3. Construction Document
 4. Receive Goodspeed concurrence on walkway on their property
 5. Projected Bid Timeframe: Winter 2012
 6. Projected Construction Start: Spring 2013
- b. Swing Bridge
- Coordinated with the Town of Haddam on bridge schedule
 - Haddam Marina operator suggests that inconsistent application of bridge opening rules by the CONNDOT bridge operators is leading to more numerous bridge openings than necessary
 - Drafted Joint East Haddam/Haddam letter to DOT (at First Selectman's Office)
 - Mr. van Allan will coordinate with CONNDOT Highway to post better bridge signs on RT 82 and 149.