

January 8, 2013

To: East Haddam Economic Development Commission
From: Peter Simmons

Subj: Economic Development Progress Report #12 – December 2012

1. Business Development
 - a. Coffee House: Continuing to coordinate with DPH; no CPCN needed, DPH to permit as an existing well. Coffee house planning to open in February
 - b. Town Tavern opened for business on weekend of December 14th
 - c. Working with four Town businesses in securing commercial or government financing for business growth
 - d. Received first draft application for East Haddam Tax Incentive Program (Norpro site). Provide advice to business owner and working with them on revisions.
2. Grant Activity
 - a. Town awarded \$431,200 STEAP grant for Community Agriculture Center at the Harris Property
 - b. Continuing grant contract coordination to close on the \$20,000 grant from the State Department of Agriculture under the Farmland Restoration Program for the Harris Farm site.
 - c. Researching foundation grants to support Town initiatives
 - d. Supported the Selectman's Office and Finance Office in managing State STEAP for Old Town Hall/Grange Hall Renovations
3. Construction and Design Project Coordination
 - a. Mobility Project: continued to coordinate activities with CONNDOT. Fuss & O'Neill to finalize the design of the improvements.
 - i. Fuss & O'Neil completed the Preliminary Design Report
 - ii. Planning to complete project by May 2013.
 - b. Norwich Road Bridges
 - i. Working with CONNDOT on business signage plan
 - ii. Public meeting to be arranged by CONNDOT
4. Chowder Cook Off: began calls and visits to Town restaurants regarding the chowder event.
 - a. Suggestions from with Hilltop BBQ
 - i. Later date for warmer weather
 - ii. More town participation such as Lion's, Fire Dept, Legion, etc.
 - iii. Neutral ground such as town parking lot, Grange Hall, Fire Department, etc.
 - b. Planning to meeting with La Vita and Gelston House
5. Arranging site visit to Brownell
6. DEEP Sunrise Resort: NSTR

NSTR = Nothing Significant to Report