

April 1, 2013

To: East Haddam Economic Development Commission  
From: Peter Simmons

Subj: Economic Development Progress Report #15 – March 2013

1. Business Development
  - a. Attended C-PACE Workshop on energy conservation and green energy programs for commercial properties. Workshop held in Durham
  - b. Board of Selectman/Finance Meetings – 4/3 and 4/8 respectively:
    - a. Seeking approval for Town tax incentive program benefits to 385 Town Street, LLC.
    - b. Seeking approval for Town participation in State C-PACE Program
  - c. Assisting with business relocation to the Cofish Mill on Creamer Road. Met with Land Use, Building and Fire Marshall.
2. EDC Budget: attended several meetings of Board of Selectmen and Finance regarding the proposed EDC budget for FY 2014
3. Grant Activity and Contract Coordination Priorities
  - a. \$431,200 STEAP grant for Community Agriculture Center
    - i. Budget submitted to DECD
    - ii. Awaiting Financial Assistance Proposal from DECD
    - iii. Final Step – Assistance Agreement (contract)
  - b. Received Board of Finance approval for the \$20,000 grant from the State Department of Agriculture under the Farmland Restoration Program for the Harris Farm site. Subsequent to town meeting approval, will need to advertise for a contractor.
  - c. \$200,000 STEAP for Old Town Hall/Grange Hall Renovations
    - i. Financial Assistance proposal received
    - ii. Assistance Agreement to be approved at town meeting
    - iii. Need DECD clearance on construction documents
  - d. Humanities Grant application for \$2,600 submitted to CT Humanities Council on 3/29
4. Construction and Design Project Coordination
  - a. Mobility Project: continued to coordinate activities with CONNDOT.
    - i. CONNDOT provided minor comments for Plans and Specs
    - ii. Preparing the project for bid Spring 2013
    - iii. Need to extend Fuss & O'Neill contract for Construction Admin/Inspection
  - b. Norwich Road Bridges
    - i. CONNDOT Agreed to a public information meeting for April
    - ii. CONNDOT has not received all permits from DEEP.
      1. Delaying bridge construction to Spring 2014
      2. Off shoulder and utility relocation work to begin Summer 2013
    - iii. Drafted and mailed third notice to town businesses - dispatched 3/27/2013
    - iv. Working with CONNDOT on business signage plan
5. Chowder Cook Off: supported coordination with Town restaurants regarding event.