

December 5, 2013

To: East Haddam Economic Development Commission  
From: Peter Simmons  
Subj: Economic Development Progress Report #22 – November 2013

1. Business Development

- a. 385 Town Street, LLC and tax incentive program benefits
  - i. Met with Town Attorney to refine agreement
  - ii. Art (NEPS) was out of state on business for majority of November – continuing efforts to close agreement
- b. Eddie's Autobody: provided information
- c. Assisting Shagbark in obtaining local approvals for their solar panel installation. Coordination complicated by numerous unresolved compliance issues with previous permits. Funding deadline is 12/20/2015.

2. Agricultural Economic Development Project Activities

- a. \$431,200 STEAP grant for Community Agriculture Center
  - i. Architectural services RFP
    - 1. Meeting w Mark, Jim, Scot and Craig on RFP
    - 2. Incorporated comments into RFP based on MA trip report
    - 3. RFP re-submitted to Selectman's Office for advertisement.
  - ii. Coordinating activities with Town Agriculture Commission
- b. \$20,000 CT Dept of Ag Farmland Restoration Fencing Grant
  - i. Fence contractor installing fence (observed on November 23). Completion by early December.
  - ii. Will begin assembling documentation for CT Dept of Ag reimbursement
  - iii. Conservation plan, prepared by the Connecticut River Coastline Conservation District for the project due to be finalized soon.

3. Grant Writing Update

- a. Supporting 1<sup>st</sup> Selectman and Land Use on preparation of FY 2014 STEAP Grant Application
  - i. Application Period opened at the end of October
  - ii. Town planning to finalize and receive approval by the end of the year
  - iii. Project: Phase 2 Sidewalks and Lighting in Moodus Center
    - 1. Extend to Senior Center
    - 2. Extend to Plains Road and Moodus Green
  - iv. Amount Requested: \$500,000
- b. Supporting 1st Selectman on planning for FY 2014 Small Cities Grant Application
  - i. Consultant will prepare application to DOH for US HUD grant funding
  - ii. Project: senior housing renovations at Oak Grove in Moodus
  - iii. Brad Parker, Senior Center, providing base project material
- c. Federal Brownfield Application
  - i. Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA) release 11/22
  - ii. Three Programs announced: Assessment; Clean-up; and Revolving Loan Fund
  - iii. Assessing viability
  - iv. Partnership with MCRC and CT River COG should be explored

4. Other

- a. CERC SiteFinder Commercial Real Estate System Properties:
  - i. Brownell: loaded
  - ii. Daycare Center (WF Palmer): awaiting permission from owner
  - iii. Bernstein Property: need to contact owner