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To: East Haddam Economic Development Commission
From: Peter Simmons
Subj: Economic Development Progress Report #23 – January 2014

1. Out from Christmas Eve Day to New Year's Day

2. Business Development
    a. Tax Incentive Program: Winter Storms affected scheduled meetings
        i. 385 Town Street, LLC
        ii. Eddie's Autobody
    b. December Priority: assisting Shagbark in obtaining local approvals for their solar panel installation. Coordination complicated by numerous unresolved compliance issues with previous permits.

3. Agricultural Economic Development Project Activities
    a. $431,200 STEAP grant for Community Agriculture Center
        i. Architectural services RFP advertised in mid-December
        ii. Coordinating activities with Town Agriculture Commission
    b. $20,000 CT Dept of Ag Farmland Restoration Fencing Grant
        i. When installation is complete, will assemble documentation for grant reimbursement
        ii. Conservation plan, prepared by the Connecticut River Coastline Conservation District for the project received.

4. Grant Writing
    a. FY 2014 STEAP Grant Application
        i. Project 1: Phase 2 Sidewalks and Lighting in Moodus Center
            1. Extend to Senior Center
            2. Extend to Plains Road and Moodus Green
            3. Amount Requested: $500,000
        ii. Project 2: Company One Fire Station
            1. Expansion for Fire Co. & Ambulance Assoc.
            2. $500,000 of $1,700,000 Project Cost
            3. If awarded will reduce Town's Capital Costs
        iii. Town will need to prioritize Applications
    b. Department of Agriculture: Farmland Restoration Grant
        i. At the Harris Center
        ii. Funded Activities: Land Clearing for Center and Green Houses
        iii. Up to $20,000 with 10% match (cash & in-kind services)
            1. Requesting up to $2,000 from EDC budget
    c. USDA – Natural Resource Conservation Service
        i. Researching EQUIP Grants

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