

**TOWN OF HADDAM
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
HADDAM YOUTH CENTER
Wednesday, 12 August 2009, at 7:00 PM
APPROVED MINUTES
*Approved as Submitted at the 9 September 2009 Meeting***

X	Heather Batzner
X	Joseph Bergin
A	Charles Everett
X	Barbara Fernandez
X	Michael Fortuna, Chairman
X	Peter Gillespie
A	Lori Maggi
X	David Papallo
X	Edward Vynalek
A	Liz West, Town Planner
X	Bunny Hall Batzner, Recording Clerk

1. Call to Order

Mr. Fortuna called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

2. Attendance

Attendance was taken.

3. Approval of Agenda

Approved as submitted.

4. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Heather Batzner made a motion to approve the 11 February 2009 minutes as submitted. Mike Fortuna seconded. Motion carried with Mr. Bergin abstaining.

MOTION: Dave Papallo made a motion to approve the 10 June 2009 minutes as submitted. Mike Fortuna seconded. Motion carried with Ms. Batzner and Ms. Fernandez abstaining.

MOTION: Peter Gillespie made a motion to approve the 8 July 2009 minutes as submitted. Heather Batzner seconded. Motion carried with Mr. Fortuna abstaining.

5. Public Comment

None.

6. Old Business

a. Tylerville Subcommittee - Update

Mr. Fortuna stated there has been no activity since the public forum and a meeting with Mrs. Maggi needs to be held to bring her up to speed for the next meeting. Mr. Fortuna also stated he has received a number of emails and phone calls regarding placement on the distribution list. Mrs. Batzner stated an email from Mrs. Maggi reiterated what Mr. Fortuna had stated.

Land Swap – Mr. Vynalek asked if there have been anymore comments since the veto regarding the proposed land swap. Mr. Fortuna stated he has heard there have been attempts to bring the parcel back before the legislature to get it approved as a stand alone land swap. Mr. Vynalek questioned why Mr. Rocco had not come before EDC regarding this matter. Discussion followed regarding other commissions which, if advised of the situation, may have offered support; the manner in which the situation was handled; a potentially missed economic opportunity for the town; and the docking area being leased by River Quest as well as potentially being used for docking by the *Becky Thatcher* and the *Lady Catherine*.

Eco-Tourism Center – Mr. Papallo asked if the property had sold. A brief discussion followed regarding due diligence and extensions having been granted.

b. Proposed Potential Sewer Project – Wright-Pierce Study – Discuss Possible Funding for Soil Exploration/Profile of Ledge – Higganum Center

Mr. Fortuna stated he's continuing to work with Wright-Pierce on laying out various scenarios rather than just a worst case scenario (which assumes ledge everywhere; no contribution from Middletown). Mr. Fortuna also stated he believes the project should be ready for presentation to the selectmen by the end of September. Discussion followed regarding the process: EDC recommends project to the selectmen and selectmen schedule a public hearing(s). Mr. Fortuna noted that a Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA) needs to be established which Ms. West is currently working on.

Water Contamination – Tylerville - Mr. Vynalek asked if Ms. West had any new information regarding the water situation. Mrs. Batzner stated Ms. West had not mentioned anything regarding this matter at the last P & Z meeting. Mr. Vynalek asked if the tests had to be in by a certain date. Mrs. Batzner stated she was unaware of the testing dates; however, a question was asked about the RFPs and Ms. West had stated the closing date was 5/23/2009 and a selection was to have been made within 3-4 weeks from that date, but was unaware of an outcome.

Water Contamination - Higganum – Mr. Fortuna stated there has been a lot of water testing in Higganum as well. Discussion followed regarding the borings which are taking place in the center (ledge borings; not water testing) and the impending bridge project in the center.

7. New Business

a) New EDC Projects/Initiatives/Discussion

Home Businesses – Mr. Fortuna stated P & Z has been dealing with a home occupation permit recently and this is a matter that has an economic development component. Discussion followed regarding those home businesses who would like to expand (go outside the

home; increase number of employees) and those who would like to remain within their homes and how Haddam's regulations are written regarding this. Mr. Gillespie asked if P & Z was actively working on the home business regulations and if EDC would like to actively pursue the matter by contacting P & Z and forming a study committee. Mrs. Batzner stated Ms. West has begun to work on the regulations.

Bell Shop Pond Dam, Candlewood Hill – Mr. Vynalek asked if there was an update regarding the work on the dam. Mrs. Batzner stated Mr. Denman had been before the Wetlands Commission on Monday, 8/10/2009, regarding dredging of the pond.

Jail Roof Funding – Ms. Fernandez asked if funding had been granted. Mrs. Batzner stated she will research. Discussion followed regarding the structure (minor historical, uses the building could accommodate, cost to rehabilitate, long range planning).

Coccoma Assisted Living Center – Discussion followed in regard to the auction held on Wednesday, 8/5/2009, new owner (unknown at this time), and whether the use would remain the same (unknown at this time).

9. Adjournment

MOTION: Barbara Fernandez made a motion to adjourn. Dave Papallo seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 9 September 2009, 7:00 p.m.