

**TOWN OF HADDAM
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
HADDAM YOUTH CENTER
Wednesday, 10 December 2008, at 7:00 PM
UNAPPROVED MINUTES
*Subject to Change by the Commission***

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

1. Call to Order

Mr. Vynalek called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

2. Attendance

Attendance was taken.

3. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Lori Maggi made a motion to approve the agenda as submitted. David Papallo seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Approval/Corrections of the Minutes

Corrections to the 10 November 2008 minutes: Page 5, b) Tylerville Village, Subcommittee, second paragraph, last sentence – “change” to be replaced with “charge”, and page 6, Eco-Tourism Center, middle of sentence – change “are working on building” to read “would work together with Mr. Rummel to build”.

MOTION: Lori Maggi made a motion to approve the 10 November 2008 minutes as amended. Peter Gillespie seconded. Motion carried with Ms. Fernandez and Mr. Papallo abstaining.

5. Public Comment

Clark Gardner expressed interest in the Wright-Pierce Study as well as how it will be presented to the public. Due to Mr. Fortuna's absence, the Commission was unable to provide any detailed information concerning the study, but did note that the November minutes reflect that Mr. Fortuna had requested Mr. Bondi advise the public during the transfer station public hearing(s) of the impending sewer proposal.

6. Old Business

a) Proposed Potential Sewer Project – Wright-Pierce Study - Higganum Center and Tylerville

Tabled.

b) Town's Tax Incentive Policy - Draft Policy

Ms. Fernandez stated that she doesn't know enough about how the town works to develop a tax policy such as who to submit the application to and how the decision will be made. Mr. Papallo stated that he would like to see language which is specific as to whether or not the application is filed/accepted before a project is started or not. Discussion followed regarding how other towns accept/approve applications, an application fee, and receiving input from town counsel and the selectmen's office. Ms. Fernandez will revise the draft and have it available for the January meeting.

c) Tylerville Subcommittee

Mrs. Maggi and Mr. Papallo stated that the tree lighting event was well attended and highlighted some of the activities. Items that were discussed during the subcommittee's meeting included the boundaries for Tylerville (need to define), budget (not at that point yet), vision of what the subcommittee is trying to accomplish, lighting, signage, and ways to inform residents and town of the changes/visions that the subcommittee has arrived at.

Mr. Papallo stated that he received his water report and has contacted DEP in regard to it. Mr. Papallo also stated that after his discussion with DEP, he feels it's important to focus on the Tylerville Water Project. Discussion followed regarding the funding for filtration systems (Mr. Papallo stated that the State will cover residential, but not commercial), having a feasibility study done (Mrs. Hall Batzner suggested that Ms. West and Mr. King be contacted as studies are already taking place so as not to duplicate current studies and costs), and the budget process (Mrs. Hall Batzner stated that paperwork concerning the 2009-2010 budget has not yet been received).

8. New Business

a) New EDC Projects/Initiatives/Discussion

Country Market – A brief discussion followed in regard to when the store will be relocating (no definitive time frame). Discussion returned to the contaminated water issue.

Farmer's Market – Mr. Gillespie stated that he had received a phone call from Liz Bazazi in regard to the manner in which their (farmer's market group) request was handled by the EDC. Mr. Gillespie invited Ms. Bazazi to a meeting to discuss the matter.

Ms. Batzner stated that it is her understanding that the group is an LLC and is a group of private citizens who volunteer their time and are reaping no economic benefit from the project.

A brief discussion followed.

Transfer Station – Mr. Vynalek stated that Mr. Bondi will not be setting up a meeting with the town until after the holidays. A brief discussion followed.

9. Adjournment

MOTION: Lori Maggi made the motion to adjourn. Peter Gillespie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bunny Hall Batzner

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The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 14 January 2009, 7:00 p.m.