

**TOWN OF HADDAM  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING  
HADDAM YOUTH CENTER  
Wednesday, 8 July 2009, at 7:00 PM  
APPROVED MINUTES  
*Approved as Submitted at the 12 August 2009 Meeting***

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

**1. Call to Order**

Ms. Batzner called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

**2. Attendance**

Attendance was taken.

**3. Approval of Agenda**

Approved as submitted.

**4. Approval of Minutes**

Tabled.

**5. Public Comment**

No comments from the public were made.

Ms. Batzner gave an update from Ms. West regarding the following:

**Tylerville Country Market** – Applications are in, but permits are still needed. The biggest hurdle will be the Dept. of Public Health as the Country Market is considered a non-transient public water distributor.

**Higganum Country Market** – Work is being done. They have demolition permits, but no other permits as of yet. Complaints received have been referred to the Building Dept.

**Land Swap** – Potentially missed economic opportunity for Tylerville due to the veto. Mr. Rocco could have had the opportunity to use the Town and EDC to build support, but were excluded from the process.

**Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA), Public Improvement Regulations and Zoning Regulations** – Working at forming the WPCA and drafting public improvement regulations (mostly roads and bonds). The next step this fall will be the Zoning Regulations.

**Moromas Property** - Request for Proposal (RFP) in Middletown. They are looking for a developer to propose an agricultural or recreational use for the property. This could have some impact, unknown at this time whether positive or negative, in regard to Higganum's sewer proposal.

**Jim Bucko, River House** – Mr. Papallo stated that Mr. Bucko intended to attend the meeting to provide input regarding an accurate property description as it was misquoted in the Haddam Bulletin. Mr. Papallo noted that it was not direct river front property. Ms. Fernandez stated that the bill, HR 6695, had a detailed description of the property (no water front property) and questioned whether it was accurate. Mr. Papallo stated that all property being transferred was to the west of the tracks and after review of the bill, it is clear that it was not water front property.

Discussion followed as to whether or not this same proposal could come back during the next legislative session. Ms. Fernandez stated there are two voting sessions – a budget voting session and a veto session (the legislature will chose what bills they want to bring up to try to get an override). Mr. Bergin stated that the basis of the veto was to treat the assets as potentially saleable assets (revenue for the State) and that could be another fate for the property in Tylerville (it be sold). Mr. Papallo stated he felt it was unfortunate for the town that the Haddam Bulletin had misrepresented the land swap proposal.

Further discussion followed as to whether or not EDC would like to weigh in on the matter in the event the issue should come up again. Mr. Everett stated he would like, if possible, additional information from the principals as to the ultimate use of the property and how it will impact the tax base. Mr. Papallo stated Mr. Bucko chose not to attend and discuss the matter after a discussion with Sen. Dailey and believes the Commission should respect Mr. Bucko's decision.

## **6. Old Business**

### **a. Tylerville Strategic Vision/Subcommittee – Public Forum - Update**

Ms. Batzner stated Joe Bergin, David Papallo, Mike Fortuna and she were present and that it was fairly well attended. Ms. Batzner also stated those in attendance were receptive to the presentation. Ms. Batzner asked Mrs. Maggi if the subcommittee had convened since the forum with Mrs. Maggi stating no, as she was waiting for feedback from Mr. Fortuna. Ms. Batzner stated there were a couple of sign in sheets. Mr. Bergin stated feedback was positive with the most prominent being the issue with the water. Mr. Papallo concurred.

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

Tabled.

A brief recess was called at 7:22 p.m. with the meeting reconvening at 7:32 p.m.

**7. New Business**

**a) New EDC Projects/Initiatives/Discussion**

Ms. Fernandez stated not all townspeople are capable of physically attending meetings due to various reasons; however, they could “attend” by other means – online, cell phones, etc. – and that perhaps it’s time to look at different tools for getting input. Ms. Fernandez stated she would be happy to do the research.

**9. Adjournment**

**MOTION:** Lori Maggi made a motion to adjourn. Dave Papallo seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Bunny Hall Batzner*

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**The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 12 August 2009, 7:00 p.m.**