



Town of Haddam  
30 Field Park Drive  
Haddam, Connecticut 06438  
First Selectman: Anthony Bondi

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING  
HADDAM YOUTH CENTER  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2006 AT 7:00 PM  
APPROVED MINUTES  
Approved as Amended by the Commission**

X	Joseph Bergin
X	Andree Duggan
A	Charles Everett
A	Michael Fortuna
X	Peter Gillespie
X	Gregg Lallier
X	David Papallo
A	David Platt, Chairman
X	Edward Vynalek, Acting Chairman
X	Terrie L. Hevrin, Commissions Clerk

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Meeting was called to order at 7:10 P.M.

**2. ATTENDANCE**

Attendance was taken.

**3. APPROVAL OF CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA**

The Agenda was amended to show "New England Maritime/State of Connecticut" under new business.

**4. APPROVAL OF/CORRECTIONS TO THE JANUARY 11, 2006 AND FEBRUARY 8, 2006 MEETINGS MINUTES**

Commissioner Lallier made the motion to accept the January 11, 2006 minutes as submitted. Commissioner Bergin seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The February 8, 2006 attendance grid showed Michael Fortuna as Acting Chairman. The minutes will be amended to show that he was not Acting Chairman at that meeting.

Commissioner Gillespie made the motion to accept the minutes as amended. Commissioner Duggan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

## **5. OLD BUSINESS**

### **a) Streetscape Project in Higganum Center – Update/Status**

It was reported that all but three street lights on the east side are now powered up and working.

### **b) Eco-Tourism Site**

Commissioner Lallier reported the Town has refunded the money to the State of Connecticut for the property however, there are deed restrictions (due to the fact that the State intended the property be used for tourism) that need to be lifted. He added that a legislative act may be required in order to lift those restrictions.

### **c) Plan of Conservation & Development (POCD)**

Commissioner Duggan reported on a late February POCD meeting which she attended saying the consultant for the project has completed drafts. She commented Thomas Worthley and Gail Reynolds have been going over the drafts making changes/corrections and feel they are now accurate. She also reported that during the next 10 months there will be public planning sessions designed to get the public involved. The first session will be on March 30, 2006 from 7-9 P.M. at the UCONN Extension Center annex. The public is encouraged to come hear updates and provide input to the Plan of Conservation & Development. Commissioner Duggan asked Commissioner Gillespie if he could attend the meeting on the 30th. He said he would. She also asked Commissioner Bergin if he would attend some of the sessions and he said he would. She will e-mail him with dates of the meetings.

Commissioner Duggan also suggested that on large tracts of land there should be a designation showing what areas are reserved (on that property) as open space.

Commissioner Papallo suggested (and the Commissioners agreed) that wetland areas should also be included on the map.

Commissioner Duggan then handed out maps for the commissioners to review and update regarding parcel classification. The Commissioners noted that utility line areas are not clearly defined. Discussion followed regarding if land below the lines is leased or easement.

### **d) Industrial Park/Transfer Station/Town Garage Sub-Committee Report – Status**

There is nothing new to report at this time.

### **e) Proposed Potential Sewer System Project – Higganum Center**

There is nothing new to report at this time.

## **6. NEW BUSINESS TOPICS**

### **a) Any new EDC Projects/Initiatives**

### **b) New England Maritime/State of Connecticut**

Commissioner Vynalek reported a letter was sent from New England Maritime to First Selectman Bondi requesting the land (four acres, Map 49, Lot 22- 1A) along the river (near the previous Camelot Cruise Lines location) be rezoned residential. (Commissioner Vynalek also noted the State of Connecticut bought 30 acres from New England Maritime who retained 4 acres which are now for sale.) He also said the State of Connecticut has made an offer to New England Maritime for the 4 acres. The Commissioners discussed the idea of the Town purchasing the land as revenue generating land, rather than open space. Also the Beckwith property (1 Bridge Street) is for sale. The Commissioners discussed the idea that perhaps the town might be interested in purchasing both properties for waterfront businesses, as lease properties or to sell. It was noted that this land is in the flood plain. It was decided that the EDC would send a letter of recommendation to the First Selectman requesting that the Town consider the purchase of these two commercial properties.

Commissioner Duggan made the motion to send a letter of recommendation to the First Selectman requesting he explore the opportunity of purchasing these two properties (Map 49 Lot 22-1A and Map 49, Lot 20) as investment and tax and revenue generating properties for the Town of Haddam. Commissioner Lallier seconded. The motion passed unanimously

## 7. **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Gillespie made the motion to adjourn which was seconded by Commissioner Duggan.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M.