



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

**TOWN OF HADDAM
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
HADDAM YOUTH CENTER
Wednesday, 8 November 2006, at 7:00 PM
APPROVED MINUTES**

Approved as Submitted at the 14 March 2007 Meeting

X	Joseph Bergin
X	Charles Everett
A	Michael Fortuna
A	Peter Gillespie
A	Gregg Lallier
X	David Papallo
X	Edward Vynalek
X	Bunny Hall Batzner, Recording Clerk

1. Call to Order

Mr. Vynalek called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m.

2. Attendance

Attendance was taken.

3. Additions/Corrections to the Agenda

None.

4. Approval/Corrections of the Minutes

MOTION: David Papallo made the motion to accept the 13 September 2006 minutes with amendment attachment from Selectwoman Moriarty. Joseph Bergin second. Motion carried unanimously.

Corrections to the 11 October 2006 minutes: Page 3, d) Industrial Park/Transfer Station/Town Garage Sub-Committee Report – Status - Minor word changes and paragraph shift.

MOTION: Charles Everett made the motion to accept the 11 October 2006 minutes as amended. Joseph Bergin second. Motion carried unanimously.

5. OLD BUSINESS

a) Streetscape Project in Higganum Center – Update/Status

Mike Fortuna stopped in prior to the start of the meeting to provide information regarding questions that were raised at the October meeting.

In regards to the replacement of the dead trees, all trees have been replaced except for two in front of Higganum Physical Therapy (formerly Rage Racing). The contractor claims these two trees are dormant; however, if they do not come back in the spring, they will be replaced.

Mr. Everett stated that Mr. Fortuna had indicated that the state D.O.T. determines the crosswalk requirements which are based on traffic volume. Route 154 has the volume requiring a crosswalk light; however, Route 81, at this point, does not have enough volume to require a crosswalk light. Mr. Everett stated that as he walks this area, he doesn't believe the issue is so much the traffic on Route 81 as it is the traffic on Route 154 southbound turning onto Route 81; and that drivers tend to pay more attention to everything but pedestrian traffic. Mr. Fortuna will discuss this further with D.O.T.

Mr. Everett stated that in regards to the traffic loop for the demand light being tripped incorrectly, Mr. Fortuna had stated that D.O.T. will relocate the loop when the repaving is done in the summer of 2007.

Mr. Vynalek asked whether or not there were park benches on the original plan. Mr. Everett stated that he thought the benches and trash receptacles were delayed as funding was depleted. Mr. Papallo stated that he thought donations were being sought for these items.

The Commission discussed the snow removal ordinance and it having not been passed. Mr. Everett stated that prior to the meeting Mr. Fortuna had indicated that Mr. Bondi and Bruno Morasutti, town counsel, have been working on another ordinance. Discussion followed regarding the removal of snow from sidewalks being a standard policy; and there currently being an ordinance, but possibly due to wording, has not been enforced. Further discussion followed regarding the sidewalks in Haddam Center with there being quite a bit of town property adjoining the sidewalk (library, cemetery, fire house). It was noted that the town provided snow/ice removal of the Higganum sidewalks last year.

b) Eco-Tourism Site

Mr. Everett stated that the property is for sale and the asking price is \$750,000. There are two structures – the main building being 2,500 sq. ft. and the side storage

buildings being 4,500 sq. ft. Discussion followed regarding the asking price and the amount of money that the town has invested into the parcel (reimbursement of grant money, potential legal fees, and construction costs exceeding the grant money).

Discussion followed regarding an approved bond for a ground contamination study in Tylerville approximately 18 months ago. Mr. Bergin stated that he had located a memo on the internet regarding bonds for Higganum Cove and Tylerville. Mr. Papallo stated he thought there may have been one or two more bonds. Mr. Bergin will provide copies of the memo he located at the December meeting.

c) Plan of Conservation & Development

Mr. Everett stated that Mr. Gillespie had sent an email that he would try to drop off a hard copy of the POCD had the Land Use Dept.

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

Transfer Station - Mr. Vynalek stated that Mr. Bondi had a meeting with state officials and that there was some talk regarding swapping a parcel of state owned property with the transfer station site, but was unaware of how far the meeting progressed. Discussion followed regarding the transfer station property being town owned and not state owned; and that the transfer station is in violation of D.E.P. regulations due to proximity to a watercourse.

Mr. Everett asked if a special committee regarding the relocation of the transfer station had been formed. Mr. Vynalek stated that he was aware that Jo Ann Woickleman was a part of the committee, but was unaware of who else was on the committee. Mr. Everett asked if minutes of the meetings from this committee could be provided to the EDC.

e) Proposed Potential Sewer System Project – Higganum Center

There is nothing to report at this time.

f) Higganum Cove

Mr. Vynalek stated that there are three streams that go into Higganum Cove taking runoff from the streets; and that some of the sand and salt that the state and town apply to the roads in the winter will enter the streams and will end up in Higganum Cove providing continuing pollutants. The Commission was unclear as to what D.E.P. regulations are regarding incidental pollutants.

Mr. Papallo stated that he will see if the Connecticut River Coastal Conservation District has any information regarding this type of matter.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a) Any New EDC Projects/Initiatives

There is nothing to report at this time.

b) Election of New Chairman – Discussion followed regarding whether the Commission could elect a chairman on their own or if the chairman is appointed by the selectmen. It was determined that the Commission can elect a chairman, vice chairman/treasurer, and secretary on their own. This item was tabled until December.

c) Dunkin Donuts, Saybrook Road – Mr. Vynalek updated the Commission on the status of construction; and that the original plan was for the construction of an additional structure, but this will not occur for some time.

d) Old Haddam Jail – Mr. Vynalek stated that there is suppose to be an upcoming meeting regarding this matter.

7. Adjournment

MOTION: Joseph Bergin made the motion to adjourn. David Papallo second. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bunny Hall Batzner

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The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 13 December 2006, 7:00 p.m.