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Subj: Proposed Revisions to the East Haddam Center for Community Agriculture

Dear Ms. Occhiogrosso:

We are in receipt of your email from February 25th regarding our requested revision to the Harris Center STEAP Grant.

1. The Town understands now that equipment purchases are not eligible for disbursement through the STEAP Grant. The total budgeted amount for the tractor and attachments is \$76,600.00. Other sources will be found for this equipment.
2. My letter of February 4th referenced "Additional preparing of fields for planting" as item 6 in the list of the Revamped Agriculture Center Program. STEAP funding will **not** be committed to this activity.
3. In lieu of the equipment acquisition the town proposes the following:
 - a. Rebuild Old Mt Parnassus Road; the access to the center. This winter has been hard on this gravel road. Approximately 1200 feet of gravel road needs to be re-graded, mud removed and new process gravel: Estimate \$36,000
 - b. Build an access road from Old Mt Parnassus Road to the lower 7 acre farm field. This will be a 400 foot one lane gravel road: estimate \$8,000
 - c. Installation of cattle gates to keep out all-terrain and 4-wheel drive vehicles. Estimate \$2,500 per gate; total \$7,500
 - d. Installation of an irrigation system for the 4-acre field; estimate \$10,000.
 - e. Installation of project signage
 - i. Permanent program sign on the Center's history and its sponsors; estimate \$2,000
 - ii. Instructional signage at the pavilion and cultivated fields on organic farming techniques and processes; estimate \$5,000.

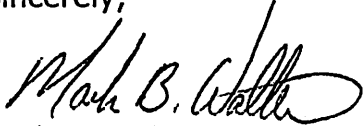
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With OPM's approval of the revision to the STEAP grant, the town will be able to begin construction of the above improvements during the 2015 construction season.

Please don't hesitate to contact me at my office number 860-873-5021 or cell number 860-885-8046 if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark B. Walter". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

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Cc: David LeVasseur, OPM
Catherine Smith, Commissioner, DECD

East Haddam Center for Community Agriculture
Proposed STEAP Grant Revision

Approved STEAP Budget							
				DECD PROGRAM #1	OTHER (Town) FUNDS:	DOAG FUNDS: #2	TOTAL FUNDS
USES SUMMARY							
ADMINISTRATION					\$ 25,000.00		\$ 25,000.00
ARCHITECTURAL & ENGINEERING				\$ 38,000.00	\$ 3,000.00		\$ 41,000.00
CONSTRUCTION				\$ 313,200.00	\$ 43,508.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 376,708.00
CAPITAL COSTS (KITCHEN)				\$ 50,000.00			\$ 50,000.00
CONTINGENCY				\$ 30,000.00			\$ 30,000.00
TOTAL PROJECT COSTS				\$ 431,200.00	\$ 71,508.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 522,708.00
Proposed Revised STEAP Budget							
Description	Unit Cost	Units	Summary Cost	STEAP Cost	Town Cost	Other Cost	Comments
Modular Barn Kit	\$ 85,000.00	1	\$ 85,000.00	\$ 85,000.00			
Pavilion	\$ 40,000.00	1	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00			
Hoop Houses	\$ 8,000.00	3	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 24,000.00			
Green House	\$ 10,000.00	1	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00			
Tractor (John Deer 4052R Compact)	\$ 35,000.00	1	\$ 35,000.00		\$ 35,000.00		
Loader Attachment (John Deer H180)	\$ 4,800.00	1					
Backhoe Attachment (John Deer 485A)	\$ 8,500.00	1					
Mower Attachment (Ferri TD-37)	\$ 15,000.00	1	\$ 15,000.00		\$ 15,000.00		
Seeder Attachment (Woods PSS72)	\$ 9,300.00	1					
Brush Cutter (Woods BB72X)	\$ 2,200.00	1	\$ 2,200.00		\$ 2,200.00		
Disc Harrow (Woods DHM6-C)	\$ 1,800.00	1	\$ 1,800.00		\$ 1,800.00		
Subtotal			\$ 213,000.00	\$ 159,000.00	\$ 54,000.00		
Phase 1 Architectural Fee			\$ 17,050.00	\$ 14,050.00	\$ 3,000.00		
Phase 2 Architectural Fee			\$ 20,950.00	\$ 20,950.00			
Tool Shed			\$ 16,000.00			\$ 16,000.00	Estimate Consumer Union Funded
FY13/14 Land Clearing			\$ 23,000.00	\$ 23,000.00			Training Pavilion Site Clearing
FY12/13 Land Clearing			\$ 28,000.00		\$ 28,000.00		Backwoods Const Contract
Well			\$ 17,000.00	\$ 17,000.00			Estimate
Electrical			\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00			Estimate
Back 7-Acres Fencing			\$ 28,000.00	\$ 28,000.00			Estimate
Site Work & Foundation			\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00			Estimate
Administration			\$ 25,000.00			\$ 25,000.00	Incord Gift
Front 4-Acres Fencing			\$ 20,000.00			\$ 20,000.00	Dept of Agriculture Grant
Farm Access Road			\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00			400LF X \$20/LF
Old Mt Parnassus Rd Reconstruction			\$ 36,000.00	\$ 36,000.00			1200LF X \$30/LF
Old Mt Parnassus Rd Gates	\$ 2,500.00	3	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00			
Irrigation			\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00			
Signage			\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00			
Subtotal			\$ 308,500.00	\$ 216,500.00	\$ 31,000.00	\$ 61,000.00	
Total			\$ 521,500.00	\$ 375,500.00	\$ 85,000.00	\$ 61,000.00	
Contingency			\$ 47,108.00	\$ 47,108.00			
Total Project Costs			\$ 568,608.00	\$ 422,608.00	\$ 85,000.00	\$ 61,000.00	