

**East Haddam Economic Development Commission
Special Meeting Minutes
December 15, 2022**

Attending: D. Bergeron; R. Casner; W. McEnery; D. Merrick; R. Parady
Absent: E. Glidden; R. Davis; M. Robidoux; J. Stone
Guests: None

- I. Call to Order - Mr. Casner called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.
- II. Attendance – Mr. Casner sat Mr. Merrick for Ms. Glidden.
- III. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Casner called the Commissioners’ attention to the November 3rd meeting minutes.

MOTION MADE BY MR. PARADY, SECONDED BY MS. BERGERON, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF NOBEMBER 3, 2022 AS WRITTEN.
UNANIMOUS AYE.

IV. Old Business

- A. EDC Chairman Update - Mr. Casner reported that the Santa Fly-In at the Goodspeed Airport was well planned, well attended, and that it went very well.
- B. First Selectwoman’s Update – The First Selectwoman was not in attendance; therefore, discussion of this agenda item was postponed.
- C. Economic Development Administrator Report - The Economic Development Administrator was not in attendance; consequently, discussion of this agenda item was postponed.

D. Sub-Committee Reports

- a. CT Landmarks/EDC – Rivers, Trails & Conservation Assistance Program - Mr. Casner reported the following:
 - Representatives from East Haddam EDC, CT Landmarks, and the Rivers, Trails & Conservation group hosted a Zoom presentation on the plans for the hiking/bike trail which went very well.
 - Bob Casner met with the Haddam EDC board and discussed the possibility of an additional trail along the river front from Bridge St. to Route 154. Haddam EDC advised that the business owners along Bridge Street would like the trail to go by their businesses. They will request the Haddam Town Planner to look into the possibility.

He stated that the Haddam EDC voted unanimously to support the bike trail plan and offered to help in any way they could.

- b. EDC/PZC – Moodus Development Plan – Parking Regulations – Mr. Casner reported that the Town has requested grant assistance from the CT DOT to look into safety features along Route 149 in Moodus.
- c. Route 82 Bike Path / Zoning Uses in the Area – Mr. Casner advised that Ms. Glidden is researching zoning in the area of the proposed bike path as well as additional possible uses in the area. He stated she will provide a report at EDC’s next meeting.
 - i. Cross walks in the South Town Street area – Routes 82/434/151 – Mr. Casner reported that he is looking into establishing crosswalks at the intersection of Mt. Parnassus and Town Streets and south of Petticoat Lane on Town Street.

E. East Haddam Business Association (EHBA)

- a. Welcome Wagon initiative – There was no new update on this agenda item.

F. Goodspeed Landing – Swingbridge Project – There was a general discussion regarding the Swingbridge repair work and it was agreed that having manned traffic control at both ends of the bridge kept the single-lane traffic moving smoothly.

V. New Business

- A. Library Study Committee – Mr. Parady reported that the New Library Study Committee had completed its charge and will present its report to the Board of Selectmen at their December 21st meeting.
- B. Proposed PZC changes/intent – Expand campground sites into Residential Zones – Mr. Casner reported that the Planning & Zoning Commission had withdrawn its consideration of additional campgrounds in Town.
- C. Airport Festival – Discussion of new manager/organizer/director – Mr. Casner reported that EDC is considering sponsoring the Airport Festival in the future. He noted; however, that the earliest it would take on that role is 2024.
- D. Nutmeg Pharmacy – New Location in Moodus – Mr. Casner reported that Nutmeg Pharmacy is moving into the old pharmacy space in Moodus Plaza, effective January 8th.
- E. Schedule 2023 Meeting Dates – There was a general discussion regarding EDC’s meeting dates for 2023 and the consensus of the Commissioners was to change the regular meetings from the 1st Thursday of the month to the 3rd Thursday of the month.

MOTION MADE BY MR. PARADY, SECONDED BY MR. MERRICK, TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING DATES FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION’S 2023 REGULAR MEETINGS: JANUARY 19, FEBRUARY 16, MARCH 16, APRIL 20, MAY 18,

JUNE 15, JULY 20, AUGUST 17, SEPTEMBER 21, OCTOBER 19, NOVEMBER 16, DECEMBER 21, AND JANUARY 18, 2024. UNANIMOUS AYE.

- F. Business of the Month – Mr. Casner advised that Nutmeg Pharmacy was proposed as January’s Business of the Month, however, they are involved in moving to their new location and getting set-up, consequently EDC will skip the January nomination. He noted that Moodus Daycare, on Plains Road, will be the February nominee.

VI. Public Comment

There was no public comment discussed at the meeting.

VII. Open Discussion – EDC Commissioners

There was no additional discussion at the meeting.

VIII. Adjournment

THERE BEING NO ADDITIONAL BUSINESS TO DISCUSS, A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. PARADY, SECONDED BY MR. MERRICK, TO ADJOURN THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MEETING. UNANIMOUS AYE.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Recorded

Respectfully Submitted,
Sharon Wheeler