East Haddam Economic Development Commission

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date:September 17, 2026

1. **Call to Order**: Mr. Robidoux called the meeting to order at 7:00PM

2. **Attendance:** Michael Robidoux, Ralph Parady, Dave Merrick, Sara Gregan, Kim Root, Juliet Del Rio
   Also Present: First Selectman Todd Gelston, Lauren Pszczolkowski. EDC Administrator.
   Absent: Bill McEnery

3. **Approval of Minutes-July Meeting:** Motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of July 16, 2026 made by Mike Robidoux, seconded by Kim Root. Motion carried unanimously

4. **EDC Chair Nomination:** This item was tabled until the end of the meeting.

5. **Bike Path – Next Steps Discussion:** Discussed in minutes below.

6. **Marketing/Tourism Plan:** Discussion took place regarding nominating Juliet Del Rio to represent the town on the Central Regional Tourism District. Motion made by Mike Robidoux, seconded by Sara Gregan, to recommend to the Board of Selectmen that Juliet Del Rio be appointed as East Haddam's representative to the Central Regional Tourism District. Motion carried unanimously.

7. **East Haddam Day:** Commission held a general discussion regarding the potential to hold this event.

8. **EDC Administrator Report:** Lauren Pszczolkowski discussed the Heritage Market, Halloween in the Village, Scarecrow contest, Christmas in the Village and the East Haddam Farm Stand Passport Event.

9. **New Business:**

   Business of the Month: Moodus Ice Cream Shop. Motion made by Mike Robidoux, seconded by Sara Gregan to nominate Moodus Ice Cream Shop as business of the month. Motion carried unanimously.

   Nomination of Chairman: Motion made by Kim Root, seconded by Ralph Parady to nominate Mike Robidoux as chairman of the Economic Development Commission. No other nominations were presented. Commission voted unanimously to elect Mike Robidoux as chairman.

   Nomination of Vice Chairman: Motion made by Mike Robidoux to nominate Kim Root as vice-chairman. Kim Root declined the nomination at this time. There were no other nominations for vice chairman. This item was postponed to a future meeting.

   The EDC Commission members held a general discussion on the following topics: Bike Path, Tax Incentive Program, EDC members visiting East Haddam businesses, East Haddam flyer. It was

discussed that the EDC members would create and keep a document to list and track the commissions ongoing projects that the commission is working on.

10. **Public Comment:** There was no public comment at the meeting.

11. **Adjournment**: There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Mike Robidoux, seconded by Ralph Parady, to adjourn the meeting at 8:16pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Robidoux, Chairman