Economic Development Commission

Robert Casner
Chairman

The purpose of the Economic Development Commission (EDC) is to promote compatible and sustainable economic development by encouraging business growth and expansion that is consistent with East Haddam's historic character, quality of life, and natural environment.

Staffing

Position	Status	Budgeted Hours	Elected/Union/Non-Union
EDC Administrator	Hourly	780 hours annually	Non-Union
Recording Secretary	Hourly	60 hours annually	Non-Union

Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Major Service Level Accomplishments

- The EDC partnered with the Connecticut Landmarks Group, Owners of the Amasa Day House and the Palmer Warner House. We jointly applied for a grant from the U.S. Interior Dept, River Trails Conservation Group to design and determine the feasibility of constructing a bike path/walking trail along South Town Street Route 82. The grant was awarded, and the EDC is now working on the project with our partners.
- The EDC has been working with The Nutmeg Pharmacy Group to assist them in the permit process so they can construct a new pharmacy building in the Moodus Center area. The new pharmacy was approved by the PZC after a public Hearing.
- The EDC and PZC established a subcommittee to develop new regulations for architectural review criteria for new construction. These regulations were presented to the residents of East Haddam at a public hearing, and the plans were approved by the PZC.
- The EDC supported the Get-Away Machimoodus application to construct 42 small cabins on the 60 acre parcel at the old 4H camp in Moodus. The application was approved by the PZC and the business opened January 1, 2022.

Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Major Service Level Goals

- To promote tourism and special events to promote East Haddam as a fun place to visit to experience the many activities taking place, including events we enjoyed in 2021:
  - Celebrate East Haddam:
    - Sponsored by the Economic Development Commission (EDC) and the East Haddam Business Association (EHBA)
    - Held at the Goodspeed Airport
    - Attended by approximately 3,000 East Haddam residents and guests
- Lighting up East Haddam
  - Christmas tree lighting at Goodspeed Landing and Goodspeed Airport
  - Attended by approximately 1,000 residents and guests
- The EDC will continue to work with the Planning and Zoning Commission to review regulations to redesign Moodus Center.
- The EDC will propose a Village Zone in the Route 82 South town Street area.
  - This is the same area that the EDC is working with our partners to construct a bike path/walking trail.
- The EDC will propose a sidewalk in the Four Corners area to be the starting point of the bike path on South Town Street, Route 82.
  - We will pursue grant money to construct the sidewalk.
- The EDC will do whatever we can to promote commercial development in the East Haddam Village area.

Additional Budget Information

Salaries: Increase for non-union and clerical employees in accordance with the clerical contract. For the fiscal year 2022, the increase is 2.50%.
Professional consulting fees: The Commission is seeking funding for 1) Town Street south bike trail, Nemergut Consulting-$6,000; and Route 82 sidewalk design, Nemergut Consulting-$6,000.

Expenditures by Expense Type

Name	Account ID	FY2020 Actual	FY2021 Actual	FY2022 Actual	FY2023 Budgeted	FY24 Requests 2-15-23 (General Fund)	FY2023 Budgeted vs. FY24 Requests 2-15-23 (General Fund) ($ Change)	FY2023 Budgeted vs. FY24 Requests 2-15-23 (General Fund) (% Change)
Expense Objects								
REGULAR EMPLOYEES	10546031-51510	$16,709	$12,989	$12,656	$18,525	$18,987	$462	2.5%
Economic Development Administrator	*10546031-51510*	*$0*	*$0*	*$0*	*$18,525*	*$18,987*	*$462*	*2.5%*
CLERICAL (RECORDING SECRETARY)	10546031-51540	$531	$869	$656	$1,000	$750	-$250	-25%
PURCHASED PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	10546031-53010	$0		$0	$12,000	$12,000	$0	0%
COMMUNICATIONS	10546031-55300	$400	$500	$131	$1,750	$1,750	$0	0%
POSTAGE	10546031-55301	$0	$0	$11	$250	$250	$0	0%
PRINTING AND BINDING	10546031-55500	$1,179	$3,345	$2,217	$4,000	$3,000	-$1,000	-25%
SUPPLIES	10546031-56010	$8	$290	$244	$1,250	$500	-$750	-60%
DUES AND FEES	10546031-58100	$750	$50	$750	$750	$750	$0	0%
CONFERENCE	10546031-58110	$0	$25	$0	$200	$100	-$100	-50%
COMMUNITY EVENTS	10546031-58815	$385	$0	$0	$1,000	$1,000	$0	0%
Total Expense Objects:		**$19,961**	**$18,068**	**$16,665**	**$40,725**	**$39,087**	**-$1,638**	**-4%**