Town of East Haddam
Redevelopment Agency
July 13, 2023

1. CALL TO ORDER
Mr. Lord called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. at the Municipal Office Complex and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ATTENDANCE
Redevelopment Agency Members: Andrew Lord, James Curtin, Randy Dill, Gary Laskowski, John Cotter, William DiCristofaro, Jacqueline Nowell, John Cotter, Caitlin Taylor (YouTube), and Harvey Thomas-BOF Liaison.

Absent Member(s): Melanie Kolek, Thomas Sevigny and Jacquelin Nowell.

Other(s): David Byrd-Liaison Goodspeed Managing Director and Ruth Ziobron via YouTube.

2. Approval of Minutes
- **a. Meeting of April 13th**
- **b. Special meeting of May 10th**
- **c. Special meeting of May 31st**
- **d. Special meeting of June 19th**

Motion to approve all minutes as presented.
Cotter/Dill Passed unanimously.

3. Committee reports

A. Environmental - update regarding grant status (Kickoff Webinar recap)
Mr. Cotter reviewed the DECD Grant Webinar held July 12, 2023. There are two types of grants. Assessment and Remediation. The Assessment contract will need to be signed by First Selectman Haines. Once received the DECD should assign a Project Manager. The State requires the Town to send out RFP's for public bid. The Environmental Subcommittee will help with the RFP process. If VHB wins the RFP bid, when the project is ready to move on to the more complex remediation process, the Town can appeal to the State to keep VHB as the preferred vendor moving forward. Mr. Cotter will get clarification on the RFP/RFQ qualifications. Mr. Cotter stated the Chevrolet Building was in a floodplain and the 7 Main Street Building historic, all requiring SHPO approval for state funding.

B. Executive-nothing new.
C. Finance-nothing new.
D. Community Engagement – debrief on information session.
Further action items from discussions:
- A larger audience must be engaged in the process.
- Investigate expansion of the Redevelopment Map.
- Find a way to get to different groups and people for a broader cross-section of ideas.
- Attending other board and committee meetings in town.

- Engage civic groups and businesses.
- Frequent articles in the East Haddam News and Events Magazine.

E. Legal-nothing new.

4. New Business

Mr. Laskowski stated currently the Town owned 2.75 acres. He suggested recommended to the Board of Selectman the purchase of the 2 for sale properties near the site. He noted it would change the whole dynamics of the project. Mr. Lord will ask Chair Kolek to add Additional Property Purchases to the next meeting agenda.

Mr. Curtin provided an update regarding Centerbridge's plan meeting the Plan of Conservation and Development at the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting. Discussions will continue at their next meeting.

5. Public Comment

There was none.

6. Adjournment at 7:50 p.m.

Laskowski/DiCristofaro Passed Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,
E. Ruth Ziobron
Recording Secretary