East Haddam Economic Development Commission
Meeting Minutes
May 21, 2026

1. Call to order: Mr. Casner called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

2. Attendance: R. Casner, D.Merrick, R. Parady, M. Robidoux, W. McEnery
   Absent: J. Stone, R. Scully
   Also present: L. Pszczolkowski

3. Approval of Minutes: Approval of minutes of April 16 was postpone.

4. Old Business:
   A. EDC Chairman Update: Mr. Casner reported to the Commission that four of the members have come to the end of their terms on the commission being, R. Casner, W. McEnery, M. Robidoux, J. Stone

MOTION: R. Parady moved that the commission recommends to the Board of Selectmen that R. Casner, W. McEnery, and M. Robidoux be reappointed to a new full term on the EDC
Second by D. Merrick, Motion carried unanimous aye.

MOTION: W. McEnery moved to not recommend J. Stone to the EDC commission. for lack of attendance for over two years.
Second by M. Robidoux, Motion carried unanimous aye

   B. Economic Development Administrator Report: Ms. Pszczolkowski reported on the update of the 250 committee activities, and the Heritage Market opening at the Grange Hall building in May, all going well.

   C. Sub-Committee Reports:
   Mr. Casner presented the commission with maps and hand-outs prepared by the Land Use Office on the EDC proposal to change the zoning in the South Town Street area from R-2 Residential to a new South Town Street District in the new Central Commercial District. As outlined In the maps presented the area from Sanibel convenience Store on Route 82 to the Ray of Light Farm. This area on Route 82 would become

a new mixed-use area with some commercial uses. After much discussion by commission members:

Motion: W. McEnery moved to authorize the Chairman to proceed to PZC with the proposal to change the zoning from R-2 Residential to the new South Town Street District. That will be a mixed-use zone with some commercial uses, as the map presented to the commission dated 5/21/2026 shows.
Second by M. Robidoux, Motion carried unanimous aye

5. New Business
   A. Mr. Casner stated that the commission will be asking the EDC advisor from COG about our Tax Incentive Program and any up-dates we should be considering. Hopefully we will have this information for the next EDC meeting in June.

   B Business of the Month:
   It was discussed and agreed that the EDC promote the 40th Anniversary of Shagbark Lumber & Farm Supply Co. It was agreed that 40 years in the retail is a mile-stone that we should recognize. Mr. Casner stated he would contact Shagbark and seek their approval to make up an article for the East Haddam News

   C Joint Meeting:
   Mr. Casner asked the commission if they would like to have a joint meeting with the EDC's of the towns of Haddam and Chester? It was discussed and agreed that the Chairman should invite both Haddam and Chester EDCs to our next meeting scheduled for June 18, 2026 @ 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment:

Being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Casner, Chairman