Town of East Haddam
Redevelopment Agency
June 13, 2024

1. CALL TO ORDER
Mr. DiCristofaro called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Office Complex and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

ATTENDANCE
Redevelopment Agency Members: William DiCristofaro, James Curtin, Caitlin Taylor, Thomas Sevigny, Jacquelin Nowell, John Cotter, Cameron Hendry, and Harvey Thomas-BOF Liaison.

Absent Member(s): Randy Dill, Andrew Lord and Gary Laskowski.

Other(s): David Byrd-Goodspeed Managing Director, Bob Casner, Maureen Goff, and Ruth Ziobron.

B. Environmental i. RFQ was moved to after Public Comment and took place in executive session.

2. Approval of Minutes
a. May 23, 2024
Motion to approve the minutes as presented.
Cotter/Curtin Passed unanimously.

3. Committee Reports
A. Executive
i. No report.
B. Finance
i. Discussion of TIF proposal Camoin Associates -Tax Incremental Financing

- The final document is almost complete and will be available soon. The TIF policy framework will be transferrable to other areas in town.

Motion to approve Camoin Associates invoice #20579 dated 5/30/24 for $1,358.00.
Sevigny/Curtin Passed unanimously.

ii. Grant Research status report

- Four potential grants have been identified (SHPO, State Farm Good Neighbor, Community Heart, Soul Grant, and USDA Rural Community Initiative Grant). Applications require Board of Finance approval.

Motion to approve Victoria Ebright-Grant Consultant to apply for a $50,000 USDA Rural Community Initiative Grant proposal for $7,000 (2024 budget) pending Board of Finance approval.
DiCristofaro/Sevigny Passed unanimously.

iii. Budget/ARPA Funds

- The Agency discussed unspent ARPA funds, the deadline for allocations is September 30th. ARPA funds should be used for Capital expenditures and policy completion.

C. Community Engagement

i. Comments on East Haddam News/Meeting Minutes

- An article from the April meeting was published in East Haddam News.

D. Legal

- No report.

4. Old Business

5. New Business

a. After Action Review

The Agency discussed the importance of formulating a vision, creating time-limited goals, establishing a work plan with assigned responsibilities, enhancing stakeholder engagement, and developing criteria for evaluating proposals. Administrative support and subject matter expertise needs were highlighted.

6. Public Comment

Bob Casner emphasized the need for a clear vision and guidelines for developers. He suggested acquiring additional properties to expand the redevelopment area.

Maureen Goff expressed disappointment over the lack of progress on the Jeff Riley plan.

E. Environmental-in executive session

Motion at 7:58 p.m. to enter executive session to review Environmental RFQs inviting Harvey Thomas and Ruth Ziobron.
Cotter/Nowell Passed unanimously.

No decisions or motions were made in the executive session.

Motion at 8:11 p.m. to exit executive session.
Curtin/Sevigny

7. **Adjournment** at 8:11 p.m.
Sevigny/Curtin Passed Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,
E. Ruth Ziobron
Recording Secretary