



TOWN OF HAMDEN, CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION May 23, 2023 Special Meeting

Attendance: Chair –Donald Moses, Commissioners Dan Smolnik, John Keegan, Howard K. Hill, Executive Director Erik Johnson, Carol Rosa - presenter

Absent: Anthony Delgrego, Kenneth Good, David DeNicola, Dashone Hughey, Anthony Sacchetti Jr, Joshua Watkins

Meeting Called to Order: 6:42 PM

Public Comment:

- Eileen Devries: How will the High Meadows Project benefit the town in the immediate future?
- Donald Levy: (Regarding the High Meadows Project) What are the net property tax benefits? Will this development increase traffic? What type of impact will this development have on the environment? Will this development increase the quality of life for Hamden residents?

Minutes: Approval of April Minutes tabled until June meeting.

Chairman Report:

- **Enhancing Small Businesses:**
 - Guest speaker: Field Director Carol Rosa, from Connecticut Main Street Center, spoke about the benefits of using the CT Main Street Approach for the Economic Redevelopment of the Town.

Executive Directors Report: Director Johnson discussed the projects below in detail.

- Legislative Council Approved the ARPA Fund proposal- \$15.5 million to be allocated, \$2.5 million unallocated.
- Submitting additional funding requests through CIF for the Community Campus.
- Assign an RFP in July to manage community engagement for sinking homes, drainage projects, Community Campus, and demolition projects.
- High Meadows
 - High Meadows proposals were received. Recommendation for timeline expected by June 30, 2023.
 - An Investment Advisory Committee has been formed and it will include residents and four commissioners.
- Community Development Block Rep Program Annual Action Plan has been approved.
- The Town is entertaining 2-3 cannabis dispensaries.

- Old YMCA may be reused for adapted use residential projects.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Adjourn:

- Motion to Adjourn: Hill; Second – Moses. VOTE: All in favor
- Meeting Adjourned: 8:01 PM