

November 25, 2020

EDC activities - Planner's Report

: The 2020 Farmers' Market season closed out on October 25. A debrief meeting was held by the Operating Committee to review the past season. Discussions have begun on planning for the 2021 season and will continue in December and the following months.

: Staff continues to monitor and be involved with the Capriland's Probate Court matter. Probate hearings and court proceedings continue to unfold. The property is in the final stages of the conveyance to the new owner. Staff is working with the prospective owner on design for a new residence/agricultural use. Also, opportunities for carrying Adelma's legacy forward are being explored with the Historical Society and the State Attorney General's Office.

: Up to early March, Staff continued to work with the Coventry Village Partners and the further development of the organization. However, the COVID -19 pandemic has put a pause on the bi-weekly meetings that were being held with the participants. Staff will be pursuing a Zoom meeting with interested businesses to discuss how the Town can assist with recovery.

: Work has been completed with AdvanceCT (formerly CERC) and the member towns to prepare the Regional Economic Development study. A kick-off meeting was held on October 14 with the 4 towns and other stakeholders to discuss next steps and a memorandum of understanding between the towns. Monthly meetings continue with the 4 Town Plan Team and the various stakeholders. A formal steering committee is being formed. The Memorandum of Understanding between the 4 towns has been finalized and is being adopted by all the member towns.

: Staff continues to serve on the Tolland County Chamber of Commerce Executive Committee, Board of Directors and Economic Development Committee. It has been very challenging as of late for the Chamber, due to the pandemic. Fundraising events, regular Chamber monthly events and standard business support have not been able to occur. The Chamber has been looking at creative ways to do fundraising and respect the Covid situation. Plans are being

formulated for Spring activities. Regular monthly meetings continue to occur, but with limited activities and events.

: Staff has been monitoring and sharing information from a variety of sources with the businesses in the community so that they can be aware of programs and resources to help support them during this difficult time.

: Planning Staff has been appointed as the Town Long Term Recovery Coordinator. The duties and responsibilities are being reviewed and plans are being developed on how to serve in that capacity as well as interact with the State and Regional entities. A meeting with the regional coordinators was held on September 24 with CRCOG. Staff will continue to be involved with CRCOG on this task.

: Staff continues to support Integrated Rehabilitation in finding a new location for their business in town. Dialogue has occurred with Colvest and Staff will be reaching out to other entities to consider options.