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## Annual Report Pomfret Economic Planning & Development Commission 2012

The purpose of the Pomfret Economic Planning & Development Commission is to foster economic growth in the Town of Pomfret and “to attempt to predict and analyze the future economic development and shortfalls of the Town of Pomfret and plan for economic development to improve the Grand List and mitigate the impact of future property tax increases to the residential sector and to develop a long range capital improvement and expenditure plan.”

Along with this charge, the committee will be working closely with the Planning and Zoning Commission to help determine where development should take place and what type of development is conducive to the quality of life in Pomfret. Once some of these factors are determined, then it will be the EDC’s job to work with existing agricultural, commercial and industrial enterprise to make sure their needs are met, and to solicit compatible development for Pomfret, taking into consideration the physical limitations of the land and labor force.

Over the past few years the EPDC has discussed ways to use the town owned Murdock Property, which is the only unencumbered parcel of land in the town which is zoned for Commercial/Business uses. We are exploring the quality and quantity subsurface water content at this site for potential uses.

The committee continues to explore future uses for the former Steakum’s Plant. Currently NECCOG is in the grant exploration phase for a feasibility study on the property.

The committee has been reaching out to Pomfret businesses of all sizes to see how town government can allow local business to succeed. In 2013 EPDC will continue to work with other regional Economic Development Committees to determine how best to promote new sources of jobs in northeastern Connecticut.

The current members of the Economic Planning & Development Commission are: Nicholas A. Gardner, Chairman, John Folsom, Walter Hinchman, Joseph Stoddard, C. Michael Frederickson, Mary Collins, and Robert Viani. Ex-officio members are: Maureen Nicholson, First Selectman and John Filchak, Executive Director of the Northeastern Connecticut Council of Governments (NECCOG).

In 2013, the Economic Planning & Development Commission will meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 8:00 AM at the Pomfret Senior Center/Wolf Den Grange Building.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicholas A. Gardner  
Chairman