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## Economic Development Commission

September 18, 2019 **DRAFT**

### II Consent Agenda / Activity Report

- A. July minutes [enclosed]
- B. Financial: \$595.00 – New England Real Estate Journal [ad/copy], \$3,000 – Central Coast Coalition [regional economic development effort]; \$433.00 – BCTV coverage of 2019 Economic Forum.
- C. Internal Reports
  1. Transportation, Transit & Infrastructure  
DOT Sybil Creek bridge project: estimated start January 2020, through December 2020; Limewood Ave. seawall: estimated start Fall 2020, through Spring 2021. Snake Hill Rd. target completion April 2020. I-95's Exit 55 bridge construction continues until November 20<sup>th</sup>, resuming in spring 2020, completion expected October 2020.
  2. Town Center  
The Town Center merchants are celebrating Branford's 375<sup>th</sup> by displaying vintage photos of their buildings obtained through town historian Jane Bouley. The Town Center merchants held a successful summer sidewalk sale in early August. soundRUNNER and the Shoreline Greenway Trail are planning a series of hikes/walks in September to promote Branford's trails.
  3. REX Development  
REX is assisting a prospective buyer to secure funds to remediate two parcels on Beaver Rd.
  4. Tourism  
The Central CT Tourism District [65 towns] received its 2018-2019 state funding of \$1.2m in May, part of which funds the Greater New Haven Visitors & Relocation Guide published by REX / VisitNewHaven; Branford, North Branford and Guilford share an ad in the publication and Branford's Harrison House and 375<sup>th</sup> celebration are featured in the History section. The Shoreline Trolley Museum held a reception and facility tour on September 5<sup>th</sup> for Branford government and business leaders to showcase its capital project.
  5. Activity update  
July unemployment: Town-3.1% [↓3.1%]; New Haven-3.6 [↓.2%]; CT-3.6% [↓.3]; US-4.0[↑.2%].

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