

SUFFIELD DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES REPORT – 9/5/2025

PENDING PROJECTS

2 Bennett Road – Dispatch Energy has proposed a natural gas fuel cell project on the property. The fuel cell facility would be on approximately 10K SF of the site and generate 4.8 MW of energy making it subject to CT Siting Council approval.

1148 South Street – Property being sold to Martin Downey who represents a group of investors interested in building a 20K SF ice hockey training facility. Purchase and sale agreement currently under review by the Town Attorney.

Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District Grant Program – A new round of funding was announced in July and the Town has received four applications. The projects in this round include both exterior building renovations and interior work. In total, the grant program has contributed approximately \$265,000 from the TIF fund to improve buildings and properties in the district.

Old Orchard Apartments & Condominiums – The Planning & Zoning Commission approved a site plan modification for the 82-unit multifamily development in July. A minimum of 17 units will be affordable at 80% AMI. Construction expected to begin in the coming weeks.

PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

178 Mountain Road – Façade improvements and interior renovations to the building nearly complete. A new kitchen and bath renovation company will be opening shortly.

11 High Street – A new barber shop “Norris Barber Lounge” is taking the space that was recently vacated by a different barber. The new sign has been approved by both the Historic District Commission and Design Review Board. Interior renovations are currently underway.

Elaine Drive Subdivision - Remaining four lots sold to Briarwood Homes in July. Construction of the first single family home by the new developer is underway on the first lot.

OTHER BUSINESS/PROJECT ACTIVITIES

Suffield on the Green – Annual event taking place this weekend 9-6 & 9-7.

68 Bridge Street – New business Amanda Krueger & Company (AK&CO) interior design has leased an office in Suffield Village.

66 North Main Street – New business Aura Glow Head Spas has leased space in the building.

Kent Memorial Library – The town recently purchased a new touch screen kiosk to be installed near the library. The kiosk will have information about the town, library, wayfinding information, and emergency contact information.

CT Main Street Center – Staff met with CT Main Street to complete an annual assessment. A report with the results will be submitted outlining areas the town should focus on for business development.

Crosswalk Warning Lights – In an effort to increase safety for pedestrians the town received DOT approval for new rapid flashing beacon warning lights at the crosswalk in front of Town Hall. The Public Works Department will be installing the equipment soon.

Oktoberfest at Hilltop Farm – One of the most popular events at Hilltop Farm is back for a fourth year in a row Saturday October 4 from 5-9PM. Tickets available on the Hilltop Farm website.