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Easthampton planners seek comment Monday on projects

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EASTHAMPTON - The Planning Board on Monday will seek public comment on two city-funded projects: the Microenterprise Technical Assistance Program run by the Valley Community Development Corp. and the Pleasant Street improvement project, which took place over the summer.

City Planner Stuart Beckley said that the board is hoping to hear from business owners and the general public about both projects.

"We want to try to understand how it's been going and what improvements need to be made," he said.

The Valley CDC re-established a program aiding small businesses more than a year ago. The program is funded by a \$135,000, 15-month grant.

The CDC hopes to continue the program.

According to Gene R. Talsky, the organization's director of small business development, the program has offered assistance to approximately 50 Easthampton residents so far.

The hearings will be held Monday at 5:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. in conference room B of the municipal building.

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