

SALISBURY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 17, 2024 – 6:00PM (HYBRID)

Present: Kitty Kiefer, Carol Sadlon, Tom Shachtman, Ward Belcher and Robert Schaufelberger.

1. **Approval of Agenda. So Moved** by W. Belcher, seconded by T. Shachtman and unanimously **Approved.**
2. **Approval of Minutes of February 21, 2024. So Moved** by T. Shachtman, seconded by R. Schaufelberger and unanimously **Approved.**
3. Additions to the Agenda. K. Kiefer added an item to the agenda; brief discussion of the POCD. K. Kiefer had received a response from Abby Conroy and Michael Klemens about the Lakeville Village and Salisbury study now being complete; several other components will be worked on, before a review by Glenn Chalder (2012 POCD Consultant). They are hoping to have a final draft of the POCD in June. The SEDC will review carefully to see where they should get involved.
4. Old Business: Committee Member projects and updates.
 - a. R. Schaufelberger gave an update on the EV Chargers that were approved, with conditions, by the PZC. There will be a slight relocation of the EVs on the lot line; the Town uses the Grove allocations; Artis Energy is working on it. T. Shachtman mentioned that the Congregational Church has proposed having an EV Charger as well.
 - b. W. Belcher reported on a discussion he had with Bob Palmer, regarding the Pope property, and with Pat Hackett. There was mention of a petition involving some neighbors. There are some concerns about the potential traffic onto Salmon Kill Road. W. Belcher talked about the Palmer property near the Town garage, as a possible additional access point. T. Shachtman pointed out that a vehicle bridge would need to be built over Wachocastinook Brook. There was general discussion about the need for workforce housing and Affordable Housing. R. Schaufelberger commented that there will be strong sentiments about the Pope property, whatever the development may be.
 - c. T. Shachtman talked about the transfer station and the recycling center; there may need to be a substantial increase in the mill rate in the future. The NW Hills Council of Governments is looking possible solutions. T. Shachtman noted 4 ways to diminish waste: 1) source reduction & re-use; 2) composting & recycling; 3) energy recycling; 4) start a landfill. He has a number of things he wants to discuss with TRAC and considers this to be an economic development issue, with impact in the years ahead. Possible suggestions included buying a grinder for mulching of leaves and lawn waste and setting up our own composting of food waste. C. Sadlon pointed out that there are good people working on these problems already

and she has offered to help when “Sustainable CT” is organized in Salisbury; things are being planned to educate people. C. Sadlon noted that as of April 15, 2024, Salisbury had signed on to get certified to “Sustainable CT.” A general discussion followed, mentioning events that are being planned. R. Schaufelberger commented that there are a lot of little steps to take, to lessen the impact as a Town.

- d. K. Kiefer wanted to discuss possible articles or other educational forums about the Mill Rate and Town funding of new and expanded town services in the future. W. Belcher suggested that the next election will be about the mill rate; K. Kiefer wants to deal with this issue after this budget cycle concludes. She also mentioned the Frontier poles that need to be repaired; get a list of numbers together.
- e. C. Sadlon gave a brief update on her work on sustainability issues, working with the important advisory group working on it in town. She mentioned the recent NW Community College event and has made an appointment to meet with the Director of the program.

There was further brief general discussion. W. Belcher mentioned the next Tri-State Chamber of Commerce meeting. K. Kiefer commented that they would like to have a response from the Marketplace, regarding the Village center. The discussion about a Homestead tax cap was also mentioned, as well as motor vehicle tax differences.

- 5. Nothing further to add.
- 6. **Adjournment. So Moved** by K. Kiefer, seconded by R. Schaufelberger and unanimously **Approved.**