

SALISBURY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING

DECEMBER 18, 2024 – 6:00PM (HYBRID)

Present: Kitty Kiefer, Robert Schaufelberger, Alice Peck, Adam Higgins, Carol Sadlon, Ward Belcher and Tom Shachtman.

1. Approval of Agenda. So Moved by W. Belcher, seconded by T. Shachtman and Approved by the Voting Members. K. Kiefer noted that A. Peck had been sworn in by the Town Clerk; A. Higgins had not yet been sworn in.
2. Discuss / Approve Minutes of last meetings – October 14, 2024 and November 20, 2024. So Moved by T. Shachtman, seconded by W. Belcher and Approved by the Voting Members.
3. Any additions to this agenda – W. Belcher asked to add discussion about the Wake Robin Inn Re-development and about the POCD.
4. Old Business: Members of this Committee's projects and updates.
 - a. EV charging developments in the Town – R. Schaufelberger reported that the Town road crew can't help with the concrete pad; Artis will have to go back to the contractor, to recalculate doing the pad work at the old train station. T. Shachtman asked if this was a good spot for the charger; R. Schaufelberger answered yes, but the power hook-up may be affected at some point. T. Shachtman mentioned that parking spaces may be affected there and could be diminished. K. Kiefer commented that having EV chargers will help businesses and there will be others in Salisbury and Lakeville. Possible locations could include the Marketplace, Patco, the Grove and Town Hall. R. Schaufelberger suggested that there are benefits to having the EV charger near the train station and that the Town should use the grant money as soon as possible before it dries up. W. Belcher thanked R. Schaufelberger for his efforts and noted the progress that has been made.
5. New Business
 - a. New members: Alice Peck and Adam Higgins. Retiring members Ward Belcher and Tom Shachtman. K. Kiefer thanked W. Belcher and commented that the Board of Selectmen had acknowledged W. Belcher's contributions since the inception of the SEDC. He will receive the signed letter.
 - b. Set dates and times for 2025 meetings. The meetings in 2025 will take place on the third Thursday of the month at 9:00am, except for June 12, 2025 at 9:00am, the second Thursday. Meetings will be Hybrid (in-person at Town Hall and remote, with the Zoom link provided). A Motion to Move the SEDC Meetings to the Third Thursday of the Month, Except for June,

at 9:00am, was made by R. Schaufelberger, seconded by K. Kiefer and unanimously Approved.

c. General discussion added by the Chair, K. Kiefer.

- FOIA request and the Wake Robin. K. Kiefer pointed out that the FOIA request is still open, it has not been withdrawn; the application was withdrawn by the applicant. T. Shachtman commented that withdrawing an application and re-submitting it was part of a normal process. R. Schaufelberger mentioned the article in the Lakeville Journal that the application was withdrawn, at the recommendation of P&Z. K. Kiefer commented that she would talk to people, one-on-one, and added that Economic Development would be interested in the impact here; the SEDC should stay apprised and informed. K. Kiefer explained that there are rules for meetings and will get the link for more information about being on a Committee, etc. Individual opinions were expressed by T. Shachtman and W. Belcher. T. Shachtman commented that positive economic development should be encouraged. K. Kiefer suggested staying on top of things by looking at the P&Z website and checking agendas; W. Belcher suggested paying attention and being engaged. T. Shachtman commented on this Committee having a full discussion of ideas.
- A. Peck commented that 7 Holly Street had been sold; K. Kiefer mentioned it may become offices. K. Kiefer commented on the need for accurate information to share. C. Sadlon welcomed A. Peck and A. Higgins and mentioned the importance of sharing factual information. C. Sadlon expressed that she enjoyed working with W. Belcher and T. Shachtman; their voices will be missed at the table.
- K. Kiefer mentioned that she attends the NW Hills Council of Governments (COG) meetings; the last one was in Litchfield at an inn that was saved as a historic building, the former courthouse. K. Kiefer explained that there was a process and the COG is a good resource; she will send around a link for it.
- T. Shachtman suggested watching for a decision, possibly in January, on State grants for Dresser Woods and Holley Block which are important and critical for future development.
- K. Kiefer mentioned the subject of the (Town) sewer capacity and would like to set up a tour for interested members.
- K. Kiefer commented that the Town Ordinances are kept in a binder in the vault and how they could be made accessible to the public.
- K. Kiefer mentioned having a new person as Chair by next year; W. Belcher commented on the importance of her being in a dual role.
- R. Schaufelberger thanked W. Belcher and T. Shachtman for their work on the SEDC; W. Belcher commented that it has been a pleasure.

6. Public Comment – None

Adjournment. So Moved by T. Shachtman, seconded by R. Schaufelberger and Approved by All.