

SALISBURY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 16, 2025 – 9:00AM (HYBRID)

Present: Kitty Kiefer, Carol Sadlon, Alice Peck, Adam Higgins and Robert Schaufelberger.

1. **Approval of Agenda. So Moved** by K. Kiefer, **With All in Favor.**
2. Discuss/Approve Minutes of December 18, 2024 – Tabled
3. Addition to the Agenda. C. Sadlon asked to add discussion of the Wake Robin Inn.
4. Old Business: Members of this Committee's projects and updates.
  - a. R. Schaufelberger and EV charging developments in the Town – A site visit at the old train station was conducted by Artis Energy Solutions. The Town needs a new application for the new location which will go to P&Z in a month or two. The trenching cost is going up because of the concrete pad there. A. Higgins asked who applies; R. Schaufelberger answered it would be the Town that applies and he will be working on the application. R. Schaufelberger commented on the difficulty of having an EV charger at the library; costs to install and paying for the charger were discussed. The Town hopes to recoup its costs by usage fees. R. Schaufelberger will manage monitoring the device. C. Sadlon suggested that the EDC generate a report.
  - b. Discuss dates to tour the sewer plant. K. Kiefer will arrange it and mentioned that Pat Hackett would like to join in. K. Kiefer commented that a tour is not a special meeting, but only 2 people can attend at one time; they can take notes to share at the next EDC meeting.
  - c. NHCOC is hosting the 2025 Economic Development Summit on January 29<sup>th</sup> at Little Red Barn Brewery in Winsted. K. Kiefer and C. Sadlon will attend; A. Peck may attend; A. Higgins and R. Schaufelberger will listen to the report. K. Kiefer wants to find out about retail cannabis sales in CT, specifically the Northwest corner.
5. New Business
  - a. Brief discussion about open meeting law, related topics and questions. K. Kiefer mentioned the differences between regular and special meetings; posting agendas; Minutes; conflicts and notices. K. Kiefer will follow up.
  - b. Wake Robin Inn discussion  
C. Sadlon commented that they don't know anything about the developer and if they have the resources. C. Sadlon asked if the EDC should be involved and how, if there is a mechanism to do so. K. Kiefer expressed that who they are is not the business of the EDC and can't be controlled; citizens must get themselves involved; there is no duty to inform

the public. K. Kiefer pointed out that the EDC is not part of the permitting process; A. Peck asked why they have to apply for permitting and suggested having a booklet to describe the process. K. Kiefer would like to find a way to favor commercial use. C. Sadlon suggested having something on the website. K. Kiefer will contact Abby Conroy and Miles Todaro to explain the process. R. Schaufelberger suggested inviting developers to talk about their project.

6. Public Comment – None

**Adjournment. So Moved** by R. Schaufelberger, **With All in Favor.**