

**Economic Development Commission
Salem, Connecticut
Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2014**

Present: Frank Sroka, Jenifer Lee, Wendy, Mikolinski, Andrew Lightner, Ken Bondi

Absent: Ada Vaill

Guests: Bob Ross, Carl Fontneau

1. Meeting called to order

Frank Sroka called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm

2. Changes to the agenda

Ken Bondi unanimously moved up from alternate seat for this meeting to fill Ada Vaill's seat in her absence.

M/S/C: (Lee/Mikolinski)

Unanimously approved

3. Approval of minutes from last meeting, April 21, 2014

Remove 'u' from center of Carl Fontneau's name, combine letters H and I.

M/S/C: (Lee/Mikolinski)

Unanimously approved.

4. Communication

Frank discussed free workshop coming up in Rocky Hill put on by the Foundation of Municipal Economic Development Commissions.

5. Public Comment

None

6. Reports

Bob Ross discussed the recent passage of the town budget, reviewed the Emergency Services Study and outside sources; alternatives are being reviewed.

The town is hiring out a study to review the Board of Education and the school's K-8 structure.

Frank stated that Richard Serra, the Town Planner, will be attending the June meeting, scheduled for June 16, 2014. He requested that topics for discussion be sent to him prior to the meeting.

Carl suggested that we take a look at zoning regulations and maps for changes to the brochure so it can be made more attractive to target groups.

7. Old Business

Frank shared the welcome packet supplied by the Town Clerk used for new residents. A discussion took place about the town website and information that should be included.

Frank reviewed the business owner survey, a business directory online, and the packet project – information for new businesses moving into Salem.

Ken discussed the New England Real Estate Journal for advertising and suggested brainstorming for regional businesses that would work in Salem.

Next Meeting/Meeting Adjourned

The next meeting will be June 16, 2014

M/S/C: (Lee/Mikolinski)

Unanimously approved

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm

Submitted by:
Jenifer A. Lee