

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
SALEM, CONNECTICUT
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 29, 2014**

PRESENT

Frank Sroka/ Chairman
Ada Vaill
Wendy Mikolinski (late)
Kenneth Bondi
Andrew Lightner

ABSENT

GUESTS

Cindy Noe/ Recording Secretary

Carl Fontneau

1. CALLED TO ORDER

Frank Sroka called the meeting to order 7:05pm.

2. APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNARE AS REGULAR (IF NEEDED)

M/S/C- (Lightner/Vaill) - to appoint Bondi as a full member for this meeting.

Vote: Approved unanimously

3. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING ON JULY 21, 2014

M/S/C-(Vaill/ Bondi) - to approve July 21, 2014 minutes as presented.

Vote: Approved unanimous

5. COMMUNICATIONS

Sroka stated that he received an email from Jenifer Lee dated September 15, 2014 regarding her immediate resignation from the Commission.

M/S/C- (Vaill/ Lightner) – to accept Jenifer Lee’s resignation from the Economic Development Commission.

Vote: Approved unanimously

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

7. REPORTS

A. SELECTMAN/EDC LIAISON

No report

B. P & Z LIAISON (ADA VAILL)

Vaill stated that Planning and Zoning is discussing options for a regulation that would leave options open for a medical marijuana dispensary if one was to apply in Salem.

Vaill stated that Planning and Zoning is discussing possible changes to the current Mother-in-Law apartment regulation. Possible changes being discussed include opening up renting to non-blood relatives and duplex conversion.

8. OLD BUSINESS

A. TOWN BROCHURE (LATEST REVISION)

Sroka stated that a meeting was held with Richard Serra, Bondi, Mikolinski and himself regarding the EDC town brochure. Serra suggested at that meeting to include information on mixed use property that is available in Salem and agriculture options/business in Salem. Bondi stated that he and Mikolinski have been working on ideas for the new brochure. Bondi stated that the brochure will include pictures showing town activity, Salem business information, traffic count for the round-a-bout and also links to town websites. Mikolinski stated that she has a professional photographer taking pictures for the brochure and hopes to have them available for the next meeting. Mikolinski is also trying to gather photos from the Apple Festival and other Salem events. Vaill stated bullets that list close by destinations should also be included in the brochure, such as Nature's Art and Harry's Place.

B. BUSINESS OWNERS SURVEY

Sroka stated that he worked together with Robert Ross on the original version of the survey. He stated that the survey was too long and cumbersome and feels the survey should be revised to be simpler.

C. PACKET PROJECT FOR NEW BUSINESS OWNERS CONSIDERING SALEM

Sroka stated this project will be worked on later in the year, after the completion of the town brochure.

D. SALEM BUSINESS DATA BASE

Sroka stated that information still need to be gathered for this project. He will talk with Kevin Lyden to obtain this information. Bondi will ask Lyden to get current Salem business LLC information from the Secretary of State.

9.) NEW BUSINESS

Sroka stated that Planning and Zoning is currently discussing mixed used zoning regulations in nonresidential zones in Salem. Sroka stated that David Bingham may be attending a future EDC meeting to talk to the members. Sroka stated that he thinks it would be good for EDC to work together with P&Z on this regulation.

10. NEXT MEETING/ MEETING ADJOURNED

The next EDC meeting is October 20, 2014

M/S/C- (Bondi/ Lightner) - to adjourn meeting at 8:27pm
Vote: Approved Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted
Cindy Noe
Recording Secretary

Unapproved