

**TOWN OF SALEM, CT.**

**Economic Development Commission**

Regular Meeting, May 18, 2015, 7:30 p.m. Salem Office Building, Room 2

**Minutes**

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm by Selectman Kevin Lyden.

**Members present:**

Ken Bondi

Wendy Mikolinski

Ada Vaill

Andy Lightner

Frank Sroka ( arrived at 8:40pm )

**Members not present:**

None

**Visitors:**

Selectman Kevin Lyden

Robert Ross

**1. Reading of Agenda –**

Wendy Mikolinski presented agenda on behalf of chair Frank Sroka.

**2. Public Comment – none**

**3. Reports**

a. Selectman Kevin Lyden presented a number of topics that may affect the EDC. He discussed the potential for Salem to enact a “blight ordinance” and the impact this could have on

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economic development. Mr. Lyden also discussed Senior Housing in Salem; he reported having been approached on a number of occasions about the lack of Senior specific housing in town. He suggested the EDC discuss the topic and consider the impact of selling town owned property to a private developer for such use. The need for an official RFP was presented by Robert Ross. Mr. Lyden also gave an update on the Rte 11 extension project and possible updates to Rte 85 to improve safety.

b. Robert Ross asked if there was further development regarding the P&Z committee and multi-use properties. Kevin Lyden reported there was no new information to report.

### **Old Business**

**Motion:** Andy Lightner to approve Minutes for 4/20/2015 meeting. Seconded by Ken Bondi. Unanimously approved.

Status of EDC Brochure placement / distribution discussed. Ken Bondi presented list of current commercial real estate vendors servicing the area. Ken will be contacting each vendor to request they keep brochures on-hand and distribute as appropriate. Ken Bondi also reported posting a brochure for display in a window of a vacant unit at the 1 New London Rd Plaza.

Wendy Mikolinski reported posting brochures for display in the windows of vacant space at 24 Hartford Rd.

Plastic brochure displays were obtained by Ada Vaill and brought to the meeting by Frank Sroka. Ken Bondi and Wendy Mikolinski each took 1 to use for display. Wendy Mikolinski will place 1 inside the Salem Post Office area. Ken Bondi will find an appropriate area and report the location at a future meeting.

There was discussion on how to distribute the EDC brochure beyond Salem's geographical area. No specific plan of action has been formulated.

The Salem Business Directory was discussed. Ada Vaill has presented chair Frank Sroka with an initial ad draft to be placed in Our Town to promote participation. Ken Bondi reported having spoken with Duane at The Day regarding production of the Business Directory materials, and confirmed the group is able to produce such materials.

### **4. New Business**

The use of unpaid interns for project development was briefly discussed. It was decided to discuss this in more detail during the next EDC meeting.

**Meeting Adjourned 8:56 p.m.**