

Economic Development Commission (EDC)

Regular Meeting ▪ 7:30 PM April 18, 2011 ▪ Salem Town Offices ▪ Salem, Connecticut

1. Call to Order:

Frank called the meeting to order at 7:35 P.M.

Present: Frank Sroka, Larry Stevens, Dana Abetti

2. Seating of Alternates

None

3. Changes to Agenda

None

4. Approval of Minutes from last meeting

N/A

5. Communications

Frank wrote a letter to the DEP to recommend Bob Currier to get approval to sell pizza out of a mobile wood-fired pizza oven at Gardner Lake and other places.

6. Public Comment

None

7. Reports

- Board of Selectmen (BOS):
 - Four Corners: The water treatment structure is scheduled for construction later this summer. The white building is for a move in Spring 2012. The round-about design is about 70% complete.
 - The Zito project is planned to begin to move forward this spring. This is the building in the northeast corner of the Four Corners intersection.
- Liaison to Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z): Sean Reith and Gloria Fogarty: None
- Plan of Conservation and Development: Dana Abetti: The P&Z is planning to present the latest draft of the POCD
- Local Business Ombudsperson: Larry Stevens: Many businesses have expressed concern over State tax hikes.

8. Old Business

- Economic Development Action Plan progress
 - EDC Plan Critical Initiatives:
 - Goal 1: Take Care of Local Businesses: Jenifer Lee
 - Rejuvenate Four Corners:
 - Goal 2: Foster New Economic Growth: Dana Abetti, Joe Duncan
 - Identify ED opportunities that fit within the Salem community
 - Process to identify and champion new business opportunities
 - As the EDC requested, Dana shared a one-page document that explains the purpose of the Business Champion Process. She will ask P&Z to add us to their agenda for a meeting in May. We will share with them:
 - This one page document explaining the purpose
 - The executive summary overview
 - The screens, with examples
 - The timeline

Frank Sroka, Chair

Dana Abetti ▪ Joe Duncan ▪ Jenifer Lee ▪ Sean Reith ▪ Larry Stevens

9. New Business

None

10. Adjournment

M/S/A Larry, Dana, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

The next meeting is May 16.

Helpful Information:

- CT Department of Economic and Community Development:
<http://www.ct.gov/ecd/cwp/view.asp?a=1097&q=438016&ecdNav=|>
- The Connecticut Economic Digest: <http://www1.ctdol.state.ct.us/lmi/ctdigest.asp>
- Eastern CT Industry Projections (note: This is heavily influenced by the Casinos):
<http://www1.ctdol.state.ct.us/lmi/forecast2006-2016/eaindustry.asp>
- CERC Site Finder for businesses looking for a site or building: <http://cerc.zoomprospector.com/> . Note our town profiles (demographic, expenditure, business)
- U.S. Industry Projections, Top 20 growth/decline: http://www.bls.gov/emp/ep_table_204.htm