

Economic Development Commission (EDC)

Regular Meeting ▪ 7:30 PM September 21, 2009 ▪ Room 1, Salem Town Offices ▪ Salem, Connecticut

1. Call to Order @ 7:37

Attending: Frank Sroka, Dana Abetti, Joe Duncan, Dave Kennedy, Bob Ross, Larry Stevens

Guest: Kevin Lydon, Candidate for First Selectman

Absent: Sean Reith

2. Seating of Alternates

Larry motioned to seat Dave, Dana seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Changes to Agenda

4. Approval of Minutes from last meeting

August 17 minutes: Dave moved, Larry seconded. Passed unanimously.

5. Communications

- CBI Crash Course on ED scheduled for September 30
- Planning & Zoning agenda for Salem Town Center discussion
- CT Main Street newsletter, "Navigator" Summer 2009
- Frank Sroka wrote a letter to send to George Householder to thank him for his service

6. Public Comment

None

7. Reports

- First Selectman: There is a meeting with DOT scheduled for next Wednesday. There may be an issue with Salem's Wetlands regulations related to Eight Mile River. Bob will learn more next week.
- Liaison to Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z): Sean Reith and Gloria Fogarty No update
- Plan of Conservation and Development: Dana Abetti Survey is being refined. Still on target to distribute in mid-November.
- Local Business Ombudsperson: Larry Stevens. E&B Sporting goods store has closed September 1, 2009.

8. Old Business

- Economic Development Action Plan progress
 - EDC Plan Critical Initiatives:
 - Goal 1: Take Care of Local Businesses: Sean Reith, Dave Kennedy
 - Rejuvenate Four Corners: Dave met with Kevin Lydon to provide an overview of efforts related to Four Corners. They would like to have quarterly association meetings. They will develop agenda topics rather than making the business association develop the agenda. Small business owners are swamped with business issues, so we should provide value by driving discussion. Dave is also researching grants that Bozrah received for a stone wall in relation to a Farmer's market.
 - Goal 2: Foster New Economic Growth: Joe Duncan, Dana Abetti
 - Identify ED opportunities that fit within the Salem community

Frank Sroka, Chair

Dana Abetti ▪ Joe Duncan ▪ Dave Kennedy ▪ Sean Reith ▪ Larry Stevens

- Process to identify and champion new business opportunities
- It is time to meet with P&Z. Next step is to get together to further define the agenda, then ask P&Z to get on the agenda.

9. New Business

None

10. Adjournment

Next meeting is October 19.

Larry moved to adjourn, Dana seconded, adjourned at 8:30 PM.