

**TOWN OF SALEM
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2022, 7:00 P.M.
SALEM TOWN HALL, CONFERENCE ROOM 1**

PRESENT

Carl Fontneau
John Houchin

ABSENT

Steven Shelley, Chairman
Melissa Beers
Victoria Knopf
John Gilbert, Alternate
Alexandra Marsh, Alternate

Due to the lack of a quorum, an informational meeting was held.

CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Fontneau called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

2. APPROVE MEETING MINUTES: Tuesday, September 20, 2022 Regular Meeting

4. CORRESPONDENCE

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

6. SALEM BUSINESS

- a. Update from Senator Paul Formica
- b. Update from State Representative Holly Cheeseman
- c. Update from Salem First Selectman Ed Chmielewski

First Selectman Chmielewski thanked the members for their continuing hard work and efforts.

7. ZONING MAP MODIFICATIONS

Commissioner Fontneau requested that the lower half of Salem (south of the Roundabout) be reviewed for the Commission's next meeting for possible Zoning Map Modifications.

8. PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT (POCD)

The draft of the proposed 2022 POCD is now available on the website for review (<https://www.salemct.gov/2022-pocd-draft>). The Public Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, December 13.

9. SALEM BUSINESS SURVEY

10. SALEM BUSINESS OUTREACH AND SUPPORT

- a. In-Person Outreach
- b. Welcome Packet

The Commissioners viewed a draft of the EDC's Welcome Packet page on the website. The page includes the Introductory Letter drafted by Commissioner Fontneau and links to relevant information. A request has been made to the various departments to update their informational brochures, if necessary.

11. NEW BUSINESS

The possibility of hosting the Christmas in July event in conjunction with the Recreation Commission was introduced. The event would feature bands with Salem residents who would be invited to play throughout the day while guests visit the Town's businesses and organizations who have set up a table. Possible titles for the event include Community Jam, Taste of Salem, and Celebrate Salem! A list of home occupation businesses (names, addresses, contact information, nature of business) will be necessary to move the project forward.

12. OLD BUSINESS

- a. ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Funding / Salem Small Business Assistance

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Agnes T. Miyuki, Recording Secretary for the Town of Salem