

**TOWN OF SALEM
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2023, 7:00 P.M.
SALEM TOWN HALL, CONFERENCE ROOM 1**

**The minutes submitted below have been filed in accordance with
Section 1-225 of the CT General Statutes. They are subject to final approval with or
without amendments by a vote of the Economic Development Commission.
Approval and any such amendments will be detailed in subsequent minutes.**

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

PRESENT

Melissa Beers, Chairperson
John Houchin, Vice Chairperson

ALSO PRESENT

Representative Holly Cheeseman

ABSENT

Steven Shelley
Victoria Knopf
John Gilbert, Alternate
Alexandra Marsh, Alternate

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Beers called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

- 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 2. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA**
- 3. APPROVE MEETING MINUTES:**
 - a. Tuesday, May 16, 2023 Regular Meeting
- 4. CORRESPONDENCE – none**
- 5. PUBLIC COMMENTS – none**
- 6. SALEM BUSINESS**
 - a. Update from Senator Paul Formica and Martha Marx
 - b. Update from State Representatives Holly Cheeseman and Irene Haynes – *no update*
 - c. Update from Salem First Selectman Ed Chmielewski
- 7. ZONING MAP MODIFICATIONS**

8. SALEM BUSINESS OUTREACH AND SUPPORT

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

9. CHRISTMAS IN JULY UPDATE

Chairperson Beers reported that the event has been very well received by the local businesses. To date, seventeen (17) vendors have reserved a space and she is expecting to receive forms from two to three additional vendors. A hotdog cart and ice cream truck have been confirmed and a coffee truck might be added. She has also secured a band for the event. Approximately 12 businesses that are unable to attend the event have agreed to participate in a raffle. Care & Share will also be present to collect non-perishable food items. Deposits that are not returned will be donated to the town's Benevolent Fund. In addition, a jar for guests to donate money to the Benevolent Fund will be made available. The vendors will be provided a 10' x 10' or 12' x 12' space.

Kathleen Roderick volunteered to secure the signage for the event. The signage and the band will be paid for through either the Commission's operating budget or ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Funds. The Commission's remaining ARPA funds will be confirmed.

Representative Cheeseman offered a free family membership to the Children's Museum in Niantic as part of the raffle.

The Commissioners agreed to meet with the Recreation Commission at the start of their meeting, which will be held at the Music Vale entrance of the Harris Brook Trail. They will plan to continue their meeting at Town Hall following their meeting with the Recreation Commission.

10. ZONING MAP MODIFICATIONS – *no discussion*

11. NEW BUSINESS

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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