

Economic Development Commission
Minutes from regular meeting September 17, 2018

1. Meeting called to order 7:36 PM

Members present:

Frank Sroka (Chair)	Andy Lightner
Elbert Burr	Adam Scott
Paul Robillard	James Bee (alt) Absent

Selectman Representative Ed Chmielewski.

New Member: Amie R. Hoinsky (alt) absent

2. Approval of minutes: August 20, unanimous vote.

3. Changes to the Agenda: None

4. Communications: None

5. Public comment. Guest Ed Chmielewski commented on the good work the EDC was doing on the Business Directory Booklet. Elby Burr had no new information from P & Z to bring forward covering zoning changes, additions, etc.

6. Old Business: Further discussion was held on the Salem Town Center property with the need to continue to monitor proposed plans by Kevin to help clean up a long list of corrections needed to bring that area up to presentable conditions. Signage, trash pickup, septic and leaching field problems, traffic, grass cutting and uniform signage is all part of the work that is being done. A new white picket fence has recently been installed to enhance the property.

Paul brought in the list of businesses he has been working on for final review before setting it up into booklet form for printing and mailing to the town. The committee went on to discuss progress on the town Business brochure, Paul went over the town list of businesses and further discussion was had by Andy on workings with Facebook as an aid to Salem Businesses. It is hoping to have the booklet in the mail by year end.

The committee set aside the discussion on business interviews with storefront owners for another meeting when all members were present.

Andy's 5 year plan which has its focus currently on the Salem Town Center; was also discussed and will remain on EDC's agendas permanently.

The EDC committee is fully supportive of Salem's businesses and realizes that the basic needs of a small town, its housing, schools and businesses require constant attention.

6. New Business: None

7. Next Meeting: October 15, 2018 at 7:30PM in Room 2, Salem Town Hall.

8. Adjournment: 9:10 PM.