

**Town of Salem CT**  
**Economic Development Commission**  
**Minutes from December 17, 2018 meeting**

**1. Meeting called to order 7:36 PM**

**Members present:**

Elbert Burr (Chairman)  
Ed Chmielewski  
Paul Robillard

**2. Approval of minutes:** November 17, 2018. Vote to approve was unanimous.

**3. Agenda:** Guest speaker introduced by Tony Natoli, Pat Young outlined a program she has received a grant for which covers the geographic area around the Eight Mile River. The idea behind the program is to pull together information from all the town businesses in the surrounding area, such as food, shopping outlets, overnight lodging, family activities for fishing, horseback riding, camping, hiking, hunting, historical sights, photography, etc. By pulling all these areas together, people could come using directions provided by a guidebook that gives them the location and directions of all the listed services. Her book will be titled “Wonders of our Watershed” and would involve the six or eight towns around the eight mile river. We were delighted with the idea and assured her that we would supply the items she would need that are available in the town of Salem.

**4. Communications:**

James Bee and Adam Scott resigned due to business demands.

Elby Burr reported no new P & Z regulations dealing with housing were added to date.

**5. Old Business:**

Paul continued his work on the new EDC business booklet, which is under construction. We spent some time reviewing the categorizing of businesses, checking headings and company input. Paul reported that he had acquired many ads for the booklet and that assembly of all material into booklet format would begin soon.

Elby reported that many of the cleanup items being worked on at the Salem Town Center shopping strip were underway and it is hoped they will be finished in spring in time for the Bicentennial events to start up.

**6. New Business:** We discussed the need for several new members and will work with Kevin to develop that.

**7. Next Meeting:** January 28, 2019, at 7:30 PM in Room 2, Salem Town Hall.

**8. Adjournment:** 9:29 PM.