

TOWN OF SALEM, CT.

Economic Development Commission

Regular Meeting, May 15, 2017, 7:30 p.m. Salem Office Building, Room 2

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:34 pm by meeting secretary Wendy Mikolinski.

Members present:

Wendy Mikolinski

Paul Robillard

Andy Lightner

Elby Burr

Members not present:

Frank Sroka

Visitors:

Stu Gadbois

1. Reading of Agenda – chairperson

Wendy Mikolinski presented agenda. The only addition to the agenda was the discussion and official approval of the Minutes from the special EDC meeting held on May 1, 2017 at 8pm.

Motion: Elby Burr moved to approve the Minutes for the special 5/01/2017 meeting. Seconded by Andy Lightner. Unanimously approved.

The EDC committee was unable to officially approve the minutes from the April 16, 2017 meeting; no member present had a physical copy of the minutes, and the while several members had an electronic version, no member was able to access that data with the limited WIFI capabilities in the meeting room. Wendy Mikolinski resent copies to the members following the meeting with official approval anticipated at the next EDC meeting in June.

2. Communications

None

3. Public Comment

None

4. Reports

- a. Selectman / EDC Liaison: Stu Gadbois reported that the town budget had officially passed and would go into effect on 7/1/2017.
- b. P&Z Liaison: None

5. Old Business

- a. Wendy Mikolinski presented the second mailer for the Business Directory Project; this mailer is scheduled for release by Minute Man Press in May 2017.

To increase response rates, each member agreed to communicate with business owners they know personally and request participation. Additionally, a complete list of businesses slated to receive the mailer was sent to each committee member. Each member will scrutinize the list for any business names inadvertently absent from the list, and reach out to those business owners as well.

The committee discussed collection of responses and planning of the physical format for the Business Directory. All members agreed that the EDC would benefit from volunteer assistance in the production of the Directory; plans for finding a volunteer or volunteers will be discussed at the next EDC meeting.

- b. Elby Burr gave a summary update on the current status of the Senior Housing Project. The EDC members discussed the project viability and agreed experienced Housing Project Developers input was needed. The EDC members plan on opening discussions with such developers for guidance on the future direction of the project and will report back to the EDC with any information gathered.

6. New Business

None

7. Next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 19 at 7:30 p.m. in Salem Town Hall, Room 2.

Motion: Elby Burr motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded Wendy Mikolinski. Carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.