

Town of Salem
Economic Development Commission

Regular meeting Oct 16, 2017

Meeting called to order 7:35 PM

Members present:

Frank Sroka (Chair)	Andy Lightner
Elbert Burr	Adam Scott (alt)
Paul Robillard	James Bee (alt)
Richard Serra, Special Guest Representing Salem as town planner.	
Selectman representative: Stu Gadbois	

Communications: None.

Changes to the agenda: None

Approval of Sept 18 minutes: Motion to accept: A. Lightner, Second: F. Sroka. Carried unanimously.

Public Comment:

- a. Selectman/EDC Liaison (Stu) No action taken this month on new members to EDC. Some discussion on age restricted housing at the Four Corners; vacant building behind pharmacy seeking age restricted housing approval.
- b. P&Z Liaison (Elby) Nothing new to add at this point from P&Z

Old Business:

- a. Business owners' survey (Paul reported) the direct mail survey of 200 business in town returned 12 questionnaires. Paul working with Andy will load the data onto Facebook.
- b. EDC (Elby reported) he has reviewed the P&Z regulations for age restricted /workforce housing and continues his focus on age restricted senior housing in individual units clustered together with housing sizes running from 1500 to the 2000 sq. ft.

New Business:

- a. A lengthy discussion headed by Andy Lightner, who put together a summary from a previous special meeting held on Oct, 3 by the EDC designed to develop a five year plan of action. The special meeting purpose was to gather as many ideas as possible, pull them together focusing on the future development of the town of Salem. The discussion covered 10 key areas with a starting point focused on the Four Corners. A mission statement was outlined and discussed.
- b. A summary report will be forth coming by Elby on Protecting the Watershed and Your Backyard, The summary is drawn from a lengthy report developed by the Department of Public Health.

Meeting adjourned. 9:15 PM (Motion: E. Burr, second: P. Robillard. Carried unanimously)

Next meeting is scheduled for November 20, 2017 at 7:30PM