

SALISBURY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

JANUARY 17, 2019 6PM

- 1) Call to Order. Present: Ward Belcher, Bob Palmer, David Maffucci and Robert Schaufelberger.
- 2) Approve Agenda. The Chairman announced that the Executive Session was canceled. He added that there would be a presentation by the Salisbury Land Trust. A Motion to Approve the Agenda, as modified, was made by B. Palmer. Seconded by R. Schaufelberger. All in Favor. Motion Passed.
- 3) Approve the Minutes of October 9, 2018 and July 10, 2018. So Moved by B. Palmer. Seconded by D. Maffucci. All in Favor. Motion Passed.
- 4) Review of Current Projects.
 - **Village Center Vitality.** W. Belcher recognized Mary Close Oppenheimer and invited her comments about the P&Z Commission group working with AKRF Consulting. She explained her participation, as a member of the Salisbury Affordable Housing Commission. She will be attending future meetings of that group. W. Belcher pointed out that the SEDC is particularly interested in the results of the AKRF study, as findings may pertain to the former Chinese restaurant and Holley Manufacturing building in Lakeville, among others.
 - **Workforce Housing.** As a continuing interest of the SEDC, they will be looking at the Pope property and other locations for as possible sites for workforce housing.
 - **Internet Connectivity.** The desire for enhanced internet access and faster service is an on-going concern for the SEDC. They are involved on a local and regional level to try to get improved service for the area, but more support is needed from the State of CT on regulatory issues. Funding the cost of any installation is also of concern. One idea mentioned was a type of shared workspace in a building with multiple tenants. D. Maffucci talked about a recent positive meeting with Crown Castle, a leading supplier of fiber infrastructure in the State. The SEDC is talking to them about trying to connect businesses on the existing main trunk line. He also mentioned the possibility, in the future, that a major cable provider builds out their infrastructure, offers the upgrade and provides residential fiber service as well.
- 5) **Creating a Mission.**

W. Belcher read a statement he had prepared. After discussion, the Committee decided further clarification was needed.
- 6) **Compliance Documents.**

All Committee members must sign and receive the ethics statements for the Town of Salisbury. W. Belcher will provide the documents to the members.

7) Presentation by Salisbury Land Trust.

John Landon gave a presentation to the Committee. He asked for a letter of support for the Land Trust purchase of a Pope property (about 80 acres) off of Rte. 44 near the Appalachian Trail and Lion's Head. There would be public access and almost no impact on the tax rolls. After discussion, a Motion to offer a letter of recommendation to the Salisbury Land Trust for the purchase of the Pope property was made by W. Belcher. Seconded by B. Palmer. All in Favor. Motion Passed.

8) Dates and Times for Meetings

The SEDC meetings will now be held on Thursdays at 6pm every other month, beginning in March 2019. The schedule will be posted with the Town Clerk's office. A Motion to adopt the meeting schedule was made by B. Palmer. Seconded by R. Schaufelberger. All in Favor. Motion Passed.

9) Public – General Comments – None.

10) Meeting concluded.