

1 **Salisbury Economic Development Committee**

2 October 9, 2018

3 6:00pm. Call to Order. Present: Ward Belcher, Chairman; David Maffucci, Jocelyn Ayer and Bob Palmer.

4 Welcome by Mr. Belcher. The agenda was adjusted, as there was no quorum present.

5 Approval of the minutes of July 10, 2018; tabled to the next meeting.

6 **Chairman Comments:** Going forward, the new SEDC will meet every other month to allow for more  
7 time to develop and prepare existing and new projects. Since we have a new administration in Town  
8 Hall, the existing SEDC will be vetted and re-nominated for 2019. The 1<sup>st</sup> official meeting of the new  
9 SEDC will be in January, 2019.

10 **Internet Connectivity:** David Maffucci informed the Committee of the progress being made for  
11 improved internet at better costs utilizing an existing state wide fiber-optic network owned by Crown  
12 Castle International. All existing and potential resources are being explored, but solutions may not be  
13 politically favorable right now. He recommended that the community needs to be more pro-active to  
14 get internet service made more available, affordable and accessible by more people.

15 **Workforce Housing:** Bob Palmer explained the tier of housing that the SEDC has focused on, which is  
16 for the income group just above the below-median income group focus of the Affordable Housing  
17 groups. The SEDC is specifically interested in this income level since it contains many of the people that  
18 keeps the Township's economy going. The SEDC is waiting to see what develops with a planned P&Z  
19 regulation review which could allow increased housing density in certain areas of the Township.

20 **Village Center Vitality:** Jocelyn Ayer informed the Committee that the expenditure for a consultant's  
21 review of current P&Z regulations, including housing, will be voted on a Town meeting October 10,  
22 2018. If accepted, she recommended that the SEDC and SAHC (Salisbury Affordable Housing  
23 Commission) meet with the consultants to express their views.

24 Ms. Ayer mentioned that there is an effort being made to link all 21 towns in the NW corner in a  
25 marketing/tourism effort. She explained how a new website, *DiscoverLitchfieldHills.com*, could benefit  
26 the area. The towns could use their own municipal websites or build them on this new platform. A  
27 marketing company has been hired to promote the site which will launch soon. She recommended that  
28 all 21 towns participate.

29 Mr. Belcher indicated that in keeping with the every other meeting schedule, there will not be a meeting  
30 in November. Since the terms of the current SEDC Committee terminate at year end, there will be a  
31 Holiday Party for both existing and proposed members in December at the Interlaken Inn. The date TBD  
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33 Mr. Belcher thanked everyone in attendance and concluded the meeting.