

SALISBURY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING

JUNE 15, 2022 – 5:30PM (VIA ZOOM)

Present: Ward Belcher, Kitty Kiefer, David Maffucci, Robert Schaufelberger and Tom Shachtman.

Absent: Janet Graaff and Richard Block. Bruce McEver joined later in the meeting.

Approval of the Agenda. So Moved by K. Kiefer, seconded by D. Maffucci and unanimously **Approved**.

Approval of the Minutes of May 18, 2022. So Moved by T. Shachtman, seconded by K. Kiefer and unanimously **Approved**. T. Shachtman noted J. Graaff's comments in the May 18, 2022 Minutes, as amended.

Topics

- 1) High Speed Internet: Update. D. Maffucci commented that he has not yet spoken with the Comcast representative, but they are in touch. He noted that the Town of Sharon has been approached by Comcast and Frontier about possible partnerships; they are in discussions about building out their services. Frontier could possibly be a fiber network; Comcast could expand to currently unserved people. K. Kiefer suggested having Michael Solitro, Sertex, as a speaker at a Salisbury Forum, for information and awareness. D. Maffucci pointed out that Sharon has had just 35 applications for their own network. T. Shachtman commented that Comcast may be doing some extension of service on Salmon Kill Road.
- 2) Salisbury Retail Development. R. Schaufelberger reported that he, J. Graaff and Carol Sadlon met with Curtis Rand to walk around the area. They are getting ideas about what to do next. He noted that Adam Higgins has been in contact and would like to help, as a volunteer. He added that he, Carol Sadlon and Adam Higgins will talk over the next few weeks to figure out what to present about the overall area. They will talk to existing businesses about their concerns, over the summer. There are on-going parking issues. There will be discussion about if a plan is possible and what resources are available. B. McEver commented on the retail activity in Great Barrington. R. Schaufelberger pointed out that there are a number of marijuana dispensaries which provide tax dollars. K. Kiefer will have more information about Great Barrington in the future.
- 3) Lime Rock Park report. W. Belcher talked about comments he and R. Block have about recent activities there, including events that are more open to the community than just racing. There were comments about electric vehicles, in use on some club days, and available charging stations.

- 4) Other pertinent business. T. Shachtman talked about possibility of some kind of collaborative retail operation, such as a farmers market, on the Town-owned property on Race Track Road. He noted that start-up money from the Town would be needed for that type of project.

Adjournment. So Moved by K. Kiefer, seconded by T. Shachtman and unanimously **Approved**.