

SALISBURY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 19, 2022 – 5:30 PM (VIA ZOOM)

Call to Order. Present: Ward Belcher, Tom Shachtman, Janet Graff, Kitty Kiefer and Robert Schaufelberger. Absent: Bruce McEver and Richard Block.

Approval of Agenda. So Moved by K. Kiefer, seconded by T. Shachtman and unanimously **Approved**.

Approval of Minutes of 9/21/2022. So Moved by J. Graaff, seconded by K. Kiefer and unanimously **Approved**.

Agenda

1. EV Charging Stations update. R. Schaufelberger informed the members that he had just received quotes earlier in the day from Artis Energy Solutions for the 4 locations being considered. He will email to members for their review. He mentioned that Falls Village and the Salisbury School should be installing EV stations soon. He and J. Graaff commented that Eversource grant funds should be available. Each EV charging station is a separate proposal; all 4 will be submitted to the BOS. W. Belcher asked about the quality of the systems; R. Schaufelberger responded that the charge-point systems could be good, with warranties added to the contracts. Public support may be needed, at some point. J. Graaff will ask Joe Cleaveland about using ARPA funds.
2. Comments on a meeting with Bill Colgan. W. Belcher, J. Graaff and T. Shachtman talked about 2 recent meetings they had with Bill Colgan (current owner of the former Chinese restaurant building in Lakeville) about developing the property. Richard Gentile and Carol Sadlon were also involved in the meetings. J. Graaff pointed out that the Planning & Zoning Regulations review is still underway and will take a few more months; a new online land use process is also in progress to handle more applications. T. Shachtman suggested that a more positive pro-business attitude from the PZC would be helpful. W. Belcher suggested continuing to develop a relationship with the PZC and talking with PZC Chair, Michael Klemens. K. Kiefer offered her support, as well.
3. High Speed Internet. K. Kiefer continues to advocate for a fiber network; she will ask about this again at a future NWCOG meeting. W. Belcher mentioned that there was no building of consensus anywhere on the subject and Federal money will probably go to large cities. The discussion will be continued.

4. Comments on the initial PZC-commissioned Lakeville traffic study by Colliers, the consulting project study area which includes: the Town Grove, the restaurants, the Patco/Lakeville area and along the bike trail. She noted that Curtis Rand would like to expand the study of the bike/rail trail up to Salmon Kill Road; the PZC would need to approve the expanded study. Colliers will be meeting with the Chairs of other Commissions and groups. She pointed out that the review of the old Railroad Station building is being done by another consulting group.
5. Other pertinent business. J. Graaff commented on a possible public visioning process with the SEDC; she also suggested that the Colliers study should run its course first. K. Kiefer would like to bring new people into discussions; more consideration will be given to this idea.

Adjournment. So Moved by K. Kiefer, seconded by J. Graaff and unanimously **Approved.**