

SALISBURY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 18, 2023 – 5:30PM (VIA ZOOM)

Present: Kitty Kiefer, Janet Graaff, Tom Shachtman, Bruce McEver, Robert Schaufelberger, Carol Sadlon and Ward Belcher.

1. New member introduction – W. Belcher welcomed all to the meeting and introduced new member, Carol Sadlon. (Attachment)
2. **Approval of Agenda. So Moved** by J. Graaff, seconded by T. Shachtman and unanimously **Approved.**
3. **Approval of Minutes of December 12, 2022. So Moved** by T. Shachtman, seconded by J. Graaff and unanimously **Approved.**
4. Nominations for Chair and Vice-Chair. A **Motion to Nominate and Elect J. Graaff for Chair** was made by T. Shachtman, seconded by K. Kiefer and unanimously **Approved.** A **Motion to Nominate and Elect R. Schaufelberger for Vice-Chair** was made by T. Shachtman, seconded by K. Kiefer and unanimously **Approved.**
5. Current and New Projects overview; clarification of roles of office holders and all members. J. Graaff invited members to take on specific projects; she will continue as liaison with the PZC, regarding commercial properties. K. Kiefer will get involved with the PZC regulations review. C. Sadlon will take on the analysis of the Academy St. /Railroad St. “stakeholder coordination” project. R. Schaufelberger will work on getting Town email addresses set up for members who want one and possibly one for the SEDC. A Motion to have R. Schaufelberger explore those possibilities and discuss at the next meeting was made by J. Graaff, seconded by W. Belcher and unanimously Approved. There was brief discussion about having more communication between meetings and with the Town. T. Shachtman suggested that the SEDC Mandate needs to be re-done. C. Sadlon mentioned that the lack of affordable housing has a negative impact and suggested having a structure for communications with the Affordable Housing Commission. J. Graaff suggested having more SEDC liaisons; W. Belcher would be interested in doing that, along with Bob Palmer. T. Shachtman indicated the focus should be on economic development. A **Motion to have T. Shachtman develop a new SEDC mandate** was made by W. Belcher, seconded by K. Kiefer and unanimously **Approved.**

6. High-speed Internet update – K. Kiefer would like to have someone from Frontier do a presentation on fiber Internet service; she would like to compare that to what Comcast is offering. There was discussion about doing a survey, perhaps using community development funds in the budget. J. Graaff referred to the Budget Proposal, Item 10 on the agenda; she suggested submitting items and projects for the February meeting, in order to request a line item in the next budget for SEDC projects. **A Motion to have K. Kiefer and T. Shachtman work on a Salisbury survey draft** was made by J. Graaff, seconded by K. Kiefer and unanimously **Approved.**
7. EV Charging Stations update – R. Schaufelberger explained that there is no timeline and there could be a long wait; there is some confusion over who pays the electric bill and who controls the parking spaces. He will stay in touch with Curtis Rand, regarding where things stand with Artis Energy.
8. PZC liaison updates and Colliers Lakeville Study – J. Graaff explained that the study was expanded to the Salisbury end of the rail trail and to include traffic flow around Academy Street. There will be a plan to study improvements at the Grove; K. Kiefer offered that there is too much emphasis on vehicles, not the pedestrian/bicycle path. B. McEver asked if any improvements to the trail are planned; J. Graaff noted that there is some opposition, but the Colliers study may have some suggestions. C. Sadlon pointed out that the rail trail is a connector for the Pope property and any re-development of Academy Street; the Pope Land Design Committee is involved.

Adjournment. So Moved by W. Belcher, seconded by K. Kiefer and unanimously **Approved.**

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January 7, 2023

Board of Selectmen
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Gentlemen:

It is my understanding that you will be considering shortly the appointment of Ms. Carol Sadlon to the Town's Economic Development Committee. I wish to go on record as strongly supporting Carol's appointment. I also state, for the record, I am speaking as an individual, and not representing the entire Planning and Zoning Commission.

The Economic Development Committee has been a strong partner with the Planning and Zoning Commission in providing input relevant to our new zoning maps, regulation rewrites, and engaging in the ongoing Colliers study.

Carol brings a fresh perspective to many of the issues that we are all grappling with in regard to our downtown areas and overall economic vitality goals for our village centers. She is thoughtful, as well as deliberative, in her analysis of problems and the identification of opportunities.

2023 is going to be an important year for the Town. We will be completing the Plan of Conservation and Development as well as the Natural Resource Inventory update. The Colliers study of the down areas should be completed in March-April. In order to ensure that the recommendations of these studies are acted upon, we need energetic and thoughtful individuals to help our Town advance. This is why I enthusiastically support Carol's appointment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael W. Klemens". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M".