

SALISBURY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 19, 2023 – 5:30PM (VIA ZOOM)

Present: Robert Schaufelberger (Acting Chair), Tom Shachtman, Kitty Kiefer, Carol Sadlon and Bruce McEver. Absent: Janet Graaff and Ward Belcher.

1. **Approval of Agenda. So Moved** by K. Kiefer, seconded by T. Shachtman and unanimously **Approved.**
2. **Approval of the Minutes of March 15, 2023. So Moved** by T. Shachtman, seconded by K. Kiefer and unanimously **Approved.**
3. Presentation, Q&A with Emily Hultquist, Asst. Dir. NHHOG  
Ms. Hultquist gave a brief overview of COG and the services it provides. She mentioned that they create a regional POCD and review others for consistency, as well as looking at zoning regulations. They prepare a regional transportation plan and plan for emergency services. They also look at economic development and can get federal funding for district updates. Currently, they do not have an economic development representative from Salisbury for the NHHOGEDC; it is up to the town to select a representative. R. Schaufelberger addressed the topic of Broadband/Fiber and asked if any assistance was available. Frontier Communications has talked about connecting most of the town, including multi-family housing, but the towns would need to pay for remaining individual connections. She noted that while some funding is available from State and Federal programs, this region is not considered underserved, in rank. T. Shachtman asked about the Rural Enhancement Fund; Ms. Hultquist offered to look into it. R. Schaufelberger asked about EV charging stations; Ms. Hultquist indicated that there are energy-efficient block grants. She pointed out that groups of towns (not COG) could apply for the grants and then distribute them to the individual towns; COG could help with the applications. She would welcome information, input and ideas; they plan to have public meetings. A question was asked about specific DOT grants for EV charging stations; R. Schaufelberger will follow up on that with Ms. Hultquist and Kathryn Faraci at NHHOG.
4. Project and Portfolio Updates
  - R. Schaufelberger spoke to Artis about the EV charging stations at the Town Grove; they may want to change companies (not ChargePoint) and use a different system. A **Motion to Request R. Schaufelberger to go to Curtis Rand with the Details and Possible Change of Companies**, was made by T. Shachtman, seconded by K. Kiefer and unanimously **Approved.**

- K. Kiefer gave a brief update on Frontier; the proposal in Falls Village was not referred out by the Board of Finance. Allison Ellis, Frontier, is willing to come back again to share information on May 17<sup>th</sup> or possibly sooner. A **Motion to Approve a Special SEDC Meeting with Allison Ellis in May (date to be determined)**, was made by K. Kiefer, seconded by R. Schaufelberger and unanimously **Approved**.
- T. Shachtman and C. Sadlon met with Sarah Morrison, Salisbury Association, on the need to collaborate regarding business objectives. T. Shachtman suggested that the SEDC help with forward planning.
- C. Sadlon gave an update on her project, enhancing the vitality of the Marketplace. A recent meeting included Curtis Rand, Don Mayland, Bob LaBonne and others. They talked about stimulating foot traffic and the upgrades needed; this will be on-going dialogue. R. Schaufelberger asked about the Salisbury Bank new ownership; C. Sadlon indicated that the project will be comprehensive and inclusive.

5. Public Comment – Nothing further

6. Correspondence – R. Schaufelberger noted that correspondence should be sent to G. Petry to maintain a file for the SEDC; Emily Egan will create a pdf. file for Town records, available to the SEDC.

7. Update on limitations to PZC “liaison” role – J. Graaff had left comments that the PZC is responsible for the POCD update; they will engage the Commissions and Committees for review and comments on it.

8. Discussion of potential special meeting for POCD feedback. R. Schaufelberger would like to have a separate special SEDC meeting with Michael Klemens, in person, to review the POCD documents. Different dates were discussed; R. Schaufelberger will try to arrange the date in May. A **Motion for a Special SEDC Meeting in May for POCD Document Review**, was made by R. Schaufelberger, seconded by K. Kiefer and unanimously **Approved**.

9. Other Business – None

10. The meeting adjourned by R. Schaufelberger.