

SALISBURY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 18, 2023 – 5:30PM

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

1. A. Approval of Agenda. It was noted that Item 4 would be tabled. A **Motion to Approve the Agenda, as amended**, was made by J. Graaff, seconded by K. Kiefer and unanimously **Approved**.
B. **Approval of Minutes of September 20, 2023. So Moved** by R. Schaufelberger, seconded by K. Kiefer and unanimously **Approved**.
2. EV Charger Update
R. Schaufelberger reported that the installation of the chargers could be done soon. There will be a meeting with the PZC; Artis Energy is working on the necessary documents.
3. Discuss and Approve Draft Memo to BOS and PZC concerning main street parking
J. Graaff talked about a draft memo she written, addressed to Curtis Rand and Michael Klemens. The focus of the memo is on parking in Salisbury. The memo mentions Grove Street and the possibility of Affordable Housing being built there; the space is used informally for parking now. The memo mentions that there is a current need for more off-street parking. The memo includes: 1) the SEDC would like half of the Grove St. property to be designated for parking spaces; 2) the SEDC supports the Salisbury Housing Trust (SHT) request to develop 2-3 units of Affordable Housing on the Grove St. property, as well; 3) the SEDC supports the subdivision of the Grove St. property. The Committee agreed that J. Graaff and K. Kiefer will finalize the letter, which will be sent to Curtis Rand and the SEDC members, before it is posted.
4. A Public-Private Partnership for becoming an Appalachian Trail-friendly Town: form and function, and strategies for implementation. Tabled.
5. Railroad extension possibilities and examples from other small towns. Tabled.
6. Recruitment for 2024 Committee members: submit list to BOS by end of month.
J. Graaff explained that the list of names should be submitted to the BOS in November. J. Graaff has spoken informally to a couple of people; other SEDC members should speak to possible new members, also. Discussion of the list will be on the November agenda.
7. Public Comment – None

8. Correspondence and Other Business

T. Shachtman would like to have his “Idea Memos” discussed and agreed upon by the SEDC. Topics include: Producing a more retail-friendly atmosphere in Town; having a Public-Private Partnership and a “wealth transfer tax” for Town use for such projects. The discussion documents are posted at: <https://www.salisburyct.us/salisbury-economic-development-committee/>

K. Kiefer wants the focus to stay on funding for the Appalachian Trail-friendly town. B. McEver wants discussion about new cell phone towers at a future meeting.

Adjournment. So Moved by K. Kiefer, seconded by B. McEver and unanimously **Approved**.