

SALISBURY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 21, 2024 – 6:00PM (HYBRID)

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

1. **Approval of Agenda. So Moved** by T. Shachtman, seconded by R. Schaufelberger and unanimously **Approved**.
2. **Approval of Minutes of January 17, 2024. So Moved** by R. Schaufelberger, seconded by T. Shachtman and unanimously **Approved**.
3. New Business – K. Kiefer had maps to add to the Marketplace of Salisbury file, regarding food trucks; W. Belcher mentioned that he had sent a letter to Don Mayland, but did not get a response about food truck authorizations. K. Kiefer mentioned that a recent food truck did have a Torrington Area Health certificate. Curtis Rand was contacted about the matter; K. Kiefer suggested it may go on the Board of Selectmen agenda. R. Schaufelberger pointed out that Canaan has an ordinance and charges a fee for food trucks; that has been considered in other towns. K. Kiefer will check about an ordinance in Salisbury.
4. Old Business: Committee member projects and updates.
 - a. Letter of support for Pathways DEEP grant application (Letter attached). T. Shachtman indicated the letter should be approved by the SEDC; K. Kiefer, Chair, will sign the letter for the SEDC. A **Motion to Approve the Letter of Support for the Pathways grant application** was made by R. Schaufelberger, seconded by W. Belcher and unanimously **Approved**.
 - b. EV Charging possibilities Update – R. Schaufelberger reported that the PZC has adopted new language for EV Chargers that should clear the way for the SEDC project. He noted that he has taken 2 online training courses for managing the EV charging stations; he will be volunteering to help the town set up the planned EV charging station, when in place. The new P&Z regulation became effective 2/15/2024. R. Schaufelberger pointed out that the EVs will be universal for all to use and substantial features are available.
 - c. Toulman Trust and NHCOG Updates --W. Belcher reported that he will be in touch with Dan Jerram, NHGOG soon. Regarding the Toulman Trust (a trust for the Grove), he is planning to meet with Joe Cleaveland and then pursue it with the Grove Advisory Board; this will be continued at another meeting. K. Kiefer suggested staying on top of the funds and the need to find out what the donor wanted done with that money.
 - d. Transfer station, recyclables, compost and the future – T. Shachtman commented on an article in the Lakeville Journal today; getting rid of garbage is a big problem and will be worse by 2027. The NHCOG is trying to do something now. To try to minimize the impact

- locally, ideas include trying to make money from recycling; doing more composting; separating out glass from the single stream; eliminating cardboard. T. Shachtman met with John Brett (Selectman in Sharon), to talk about recycling, including the idea of bulk-buying recyclables containers for each homeowner; the containers could then be sold for a one-time fee of \$100. In general, recycling costs need to be addressed, including the mill rate, going forward. This is a project for the SEDC to work on; there is also the Transfer Station Recycling Advisory Committee. W. Belcher suggested going back to separating recyclables.
- e. Communications with Frontier and Maria Horn – K. Kiefer reported that she is about to have meetings with Frontier and Maria Horn; she has also met with a group of local women who have no internet service at all. Questions to Maria Horn will include: calls to the Resident Trooper and the Barracks about problems in the villages; speed enforcement cameras to write speeding tickets; the Appalachian Trail. R. Schaufelberger expressed frustration with Frontier; it's a year later and nothing has happened. W. Belcher pointed out that Comcast is putting its rates up. He also asked about the new cell tower in Lakeville; K. Kiefer will investigate that with Curtis Rand. There was a general discussion about internet service.
 - f. Building Community Insights – C. Sadlon sent a brief report to the members; T. Shachtman would like to have more information on some of those good ideas. There was further general discussion about ways to encourage more foot traffic with vendor opportunities in town.

5. Additional Business – None

6. Public Comment – None

7. **Adjournment. So Moved** by T. Shachtman, seconded by R. Schaufelberger and unanimously **Approved.**

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To: CT DEEP
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February 22,2024

Dear CT DEEP:

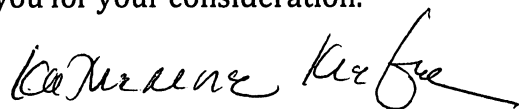
The Salisbury Economic Development Committee endorses and recommends the Salisbury Pathways Committee's proposal for a safe, environmentally friendly pedestrian access from the Appalachian Trail across open land to the village of Salisbury.

This proposed pathway will enable hikers to enter the village without having to walk on busy State Highway 44. It will also connect the Appalachian Trail to Salisbury's own nature path, known as the Rail Trail; and it will enable hikers to take better advantage of Salisbury's stores and other amenities, for rest and resupply. We consider this proposed walkway an important one for Salisbury's continued economic health, as it will encourage hikers to buy meals in Salisbury and supplies for their journeys.

We encourage DEEP to determine that the Pathways Committee's proposal is in line with CT's Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, and to approve a grant to the Pathways Committee for completion of this very important project.

This Committee met last night and unanimously endorsed this letter of support.

Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Katherine Kiefer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Katherine Kiefer
Cc: Salisbury Pathways Committee Members and Curtis Rand, Selectman Salisbury

Wednesday, February 21, 2024
Carol Sadlon Update Report

The NWCC Entrepreneurial Center is a program at the Northwest Community College that I think the SEDC may want to collaborate with this group. They organized the Northwest Startup, at the White Hart on January 30th along with support from the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation, the Northwest Community Foundation and SCORE.

The seminar provided the opportunity to meet colleagues in northwest corner who are working on economic development. The event was very well attended and attracted, mentors, investors as well as the startup presenters.

The Director of the **NWCC Entrepreneurial Center**, John Fiorello, is interested to meet with us to discuss possibilities of working together.

Scoville Library is open to collaborate with us to host speakers/ideas related to our work for the community.

The Tri-State Chamber of Commerce is a conduit to our current business community. I suggest we try to attend their events and meet regularly to explore ideas. Their recent Benefit Concert at the **Canaan Colonial Theater** was a resounding success.

As mentioned, I suggest that we look at the **Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development** as many of their goals parallel ours.

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