

SALISBURY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 16, 2024 – 6:00PM (HYBRID)

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

1. **Approval of Agenda. So Moved** by T. Shachtman, seconded by W. Belcher and unanimously **Approved.**
2. **Discuss/Approve Minutes of September 18, 2024. So Moved** by K. Kiefer, seconded by W. Belcher and unanimously **Approved.**
3. Additions to the Agenda – None
4. Members of this Committee’s projects and updates
 - a. Robert and EV charging developments in the Township – The EV chargers at the Congregational Church are plugged in and being used with an app and credit card; they are fast, but not the fastest. K. Kiefer talked with the BOS about using the money already provided for the project; C. Rand will talk to the surveyor. K. Kiefer pointed out that the Town Grove lots are not surveyed, which is not uncommon. R. Schaufelberger suggested approaching P&Z and asking if the 2 lots needed around the EV chargers be merged; he will talk to Michael Klemens. K. Kiefer has spoken to several people and will continue to help.
 - b. Waste and recycling – T. Shachtman reported that there is a small grant available to lay out a recycling field; it does not have to be overdone and suggested expanding the current pilot program considerably. The people involved need a lot of support from the Selectmen to do new and innovative things not done before here. In June 2027, the existing Resource Recovery program will end for Salisbury and other towns; T. Shachtman hopes that the NW COG will take over the facility. K. Kiefer mentioned a recent COG meeting she attended at the Norbrook Farm Brewery in Colebrook, CT, as a good example of an expanded business opportunity. T. Shachtman talked about the recent Land Trust acquisition, which will have trails because the use of State funds requires public access; he suggested this could possibly invigorate the Twin Lakes area and be profitable for some kinds of businesses there, beyond the lakefronts. W. Belcher commented that T. Shachtman’s idea is an important initiative. K. Kiefer talked about the Hydrilla problem becoming larger and harder to control, beyond the efforts being made now.
 - c. Terms & Re-appointments – W. Belcher and T. Shachtman are stepping down from the SEDC; they will be available for counsel and are thinking about new people.
5. New Business

- a. Finding new Committee members and their terms – K. Kiefer will speak to Adam Higgins at NBT and Dave Maffucci, former SEDC member. T. Shachtman and R. Schaufelberger will also speak to a couple of people. K. Kiefer talked about managing conflicts, finding more ways to collaborate, and have a meaningful say in things. There was brief discussion about expanding the Committee to 7 members; that will be discussed further at another meeting.
- b. Revisit the Committee vs. Commission – To be discussed later on when the full membership is present.
- c. POCD – insights/thoughts – K. Kiefer commented that the POCD has good information about how to plan; the POCD will be reviewed by the BOS at a special meeting on October 24, 2024. T. Shachtman mentioned that the first thing to do is prioritize things in the POCD; the second thing is to be more supportive of the TRAC, doing better with waste management, and mentioning that in the POCD. T. Shachtman also wants the BOS to look more closely at the Collier's reports, separately from the PZC, and to be more strategic about what is included in the POCD. W. Belcher commented that the POCD is a remarkable document; his concern is the implementation which could be long and slow. Attaching costs to these recommendations was mentioned also.

6. Other business – None

7. Public Comments – None

Adjournment. So Moved by W. Belcher, seconded by T. Shachtman and unanimously **Approved**.