

SALISBURY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 18, 2024 – 6:00PM (HYBRID)

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

1. **Approval of Agenda. So Moved** by T. Shachtman, second by R. Schaufelberger and unanimously **Approved.**
2. **Approval of Minutes of August 21, 2024. So Moved** by R. Schaufelberger, seconded by K. Kiefer and unanimously **Approved.**
3. Additions to the Agenda – None
4. Member Projects and Updates
  - a. EV Charging developments in the Township – R. Schaufelberger.

Update: Putting the EV Charger at the Grove depends on the Town combining the Lots; otherwise it will not pass P&Z. There were discussions with staff at the Grove about other locations, but there are issues; the original location is the best. K. Kiefer pointed out that the lots have not been surveyed; R. Schaufelberger suggested looking into combining just the 2 lots where the EV Charger would be located. Other possible locations in town were discussed, such as the Marketplace, but on public property where they would be used for a longer period of time. (Ward Belcher arrived at 6:10pm) C. Sadlon asked about the funding; R. Schaufelberger is concerned that the Eversource portion of the funding could disappear, if it isn't used. K. Kiefer and R. Schaufelberger will talk about the approach to take at Town Hall.
  - b. Waste and Recycling – T. Shachtman.

Update: There are many discussions going on about temporary solutions, but a permanent one is still needed. The idea of expanded composting, including from restaurants, needs to be revisited. The environmental issue of waste disposal is one element, along with increased costs putting pressure on the mill rate. K. Kiefer and T. Shachtman mentioned the idea of having a commercial weigh scale at the transfer station. The EDC would like to have more people in the community be aware and actively participate in recycling, etc.
  - c. Wake Robin development and redevelopment – C. Sadlon.

Update: C. Sadlon and K. Kiefer attended the recent P&Z public hearing on the matter, noting that there was a lot of opposition from neighbors and others; the Public Hearing will be continued in October. C. Sadlon commented that this looks like a very expensive project, with many unanswered questions. K. Kiefer commented about the employees that would be needed, their housing needs, and where they would have to come from for the work. K.

Kiefer mentioned the existing neighboring property owners and their concerns relevant to development issues on this property. K. Kiefer and C. Sadlon commented that they were impressed with the local legal representation present for Lakeville/Salisbury owner's concerns. There was brief discussion about possible government intervention for local protection concerns. Another issue discussed was the siting of the proposed cell tower at that location; it was mentioned that more cell service is needed.

5. New Business

- a. Committee Members terms, discuss – K. Kiefer noted that R. Schaufelberger, T. Shachtman and W. Belcher's terms expire 10/2024; C. Sadlon and K. Kiefer go on to 11/2025. The Town Clerk will need to know who is intending to remain on the Committee in November. This EDC will think about possible additional members; discussion will be on the agenda next month.
- b. Committee vs. Commission discussion – Not at this time
- c. POCD insights or thoughts – T. Shachtman commented that the POCD is lacking reference to the village retail problems; he would like to address that as a public comment, not as an EDC member. T. Shachtman mentioned addressing the tax structures, not just by political figures, but for planning purposes. (At this time, C. Sadlon left the meeting) There were differing opinions on whether the EDC members would speak individually or as a Committee; the consensus was to approach the POCD as individuals. T. Shachtman emphasized the importance of prioritizing certain recommended items and expenditures; informing the public about this document needs to be done. W. Belcher and R. Schaufelberger mentioned several relevant things that need to be considered for the future. K. Kiefer commented on the importance of having people participate, especially having the EDC support what may be preserved and developed, focusing on principles. There were comments on the need for more support staff at Town Hall, in various capacities.

6. New Business s – None

7. Public Comment – None

**Adjournment – So Moved** by R. Schaufelberger, seconded by K. Kiefer and unanimously **Approved.**