

SALISBURY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 16, 2026 – 9:00AM (HYBRID)

Present: Kitty Kiefer, Robert Schaufelberger, Alice Peck, Carol Sadlon and David Becker. Absent: Adam Higgins and Christopher Baetz.

1. **Approval of Agenda. So Moved** by R. Schaufelberger, seconded by D. Becker, **With All in Favor.**
2. **Approval of Minutes of March 26, 2026. So Moved** by K. Kiefer, seconded by A. Peck, **With All in Favor.**
3. Additions to the Agenda – None
4. Old Business
  - a. EV Charger – R. Schaufelberger reported that all permits have been attained; it may need a push to get the project started. K. Kiefer will help with any updates about the train station project.
  - b. Local business interview updates – D. Becker and A. Peck met with Bill Colgan (Grassland Dessert Cafe) and had a great session.
  - c. Mission Statement – D. Becker presented the internal survey and the summary of what has been heard in the 17 interviews, so far. There was a general discussion about what the SEDC is trying to do and what problems they are trying to solve, including: the development of a business directory to help direct people and have businesses become more visible, focusing on communication and connection; having a meeting with 15 businesses later in the year; and possibly starting a quarterly business newsletter with updates. There was discussion about where the SEDC could add value, such as advice, coordination, and explanation of the land use process with specific details and contacts. D. Becker asked what priorities could be identified now that they could act on; R. Schaufelberger commented that the SEDC could be a sounding board, engaging with the land use office, and suggested finding small, individual projects to start with and be open to them. (At this time, A. Peck left the meeting.)
5. Check in with Abby Conroy of Salisbury Land Use Office

C. Sadlon asked if there was any new information about the proposed theater project in Lakeville; A. Conroy responded that Miles Todaro had been dealing with them in preliminary conversations. A. Conroy commented that she would like to have pre-application meetings with all town and applicants involved; D. Becker agreed. A. Conroy mentioned having a new

tenant/new business form with available information for the pre-application meetings. Another comment was about the different permits, whether there is some discretion, and who makes the decisions; often something special like parking is involved. Other restrictions, such as aquifer protection areas, have to be considered as well. A. Conroy suggested that the SEDC could help promote the new tenant/new business application and could attend pre-application meetings, when those happen. There is an existing checklist of the process built into the online application form. A. Conroy gave other updates, including changes proposed by Lime Rock Park which, if approved, could possibly affect an amendment to P&Z Regulations. Outdoor dining and the Special Permit process were discussed. D. Becker asked A. Conroy to let the SEDC know what would be helpful to contribute to the process.

6. New Business – None
7. Public Comment – None

**Adjourn. So Moved** by R. Schaufelberger, seconded by K. Kiefer, **With All in Favor.**