

SALISBURY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING

JULY 16, 2026 – 9:00AM (HYBRID)

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

1. Approve this Agenda / Amend – K. Kiefer asked to amend the agenda for the next meeting to include an invited guest speaker to talk about commercial spaces, rents, and how those are marketed. D. Becker and R. Schaufelberger will both speak to realtors. D. Becker asked to add Discussion of Terms and Resignations under Item 4c. A **Motion to Approve the Agenda, as Amended**, was made by R. Schaufelberger, seconded by D. Becker, **With All in Favor**.
2. Discuss/amend/approve Minutes: April 16; May 21; May 28; and June 18, 2026. A **Motion to Approve the Minutes, as Stated**, was made by C. Sadlon, seconded by R. Schaufelberger, and **Approved, with one Abstention** by K. Kiefer.
3. Continuing discussion of the mission and direction of this committee – D. Becker talked about the new mission statement he had composed: “To strengthen Salisbury’s economic vitality by connecting local businesses, community needs, and town leadership to support a thriving and sustainable community.” Each Committee member commented on the statement. A **Motion to Approve the SEDC Mission Statement** was made by R. Schaufelberger, seconded by D. Becker, **With All in Favor**. The new statement will be posted on the SEDC webpage: <https://www.salisburyct.us/salisbury-economic-development-committee/> The next phase will be implementation including: a list of current local and public businesses; a quarterly newsletter; business gatherings/events; and on-going surveys. D. Becker will provide a budget for proposed expenses and build a base of information. K. Kiefer commented that they need to demonstrate how to do things and how to be useful, and then approach funding. K. Kiefer suggested having 4 regular SEDC meetings that would include local businesses; C. Baetz commented that the meetings need to be directed, not just social.
4. Old Business
 - a. EV charger – R. Schaufelberger reported that the Town had painted lines for only one EV space instead of 2, but that it is getting used – almost \$200 in the past month, with the average time at 2.5 hours. R. Schaufelberger will continue to manage the EV charger; K. Kiefer thought it should be left on the agenda. (At this time, A. Peck left the meeting.)

- b. Local business interview updates – None. The SEDC meeting that Bob LaBonne attended made it into a Lakeville Journal article.
 - c. Resignation of Kitty Kiefer as Chair of this committee and selection of a new chairperson. -- A. Higgins suggested that K. Kiefer serve out her term as Chair; R. Schaufelberger asked who wants to be nominated. D. Becker commented that he is open to being nominated, if they get a budget to do the work discussed; it could be a \$5k budget. K. Kiefer suggested that the 1st year should be a work plan and a proposed budget; D. Becker mentioned that would include printing and mailing a newsletter. A **Motion to Nominate and Approve David Becker for Chairman** was made by C. Sadlon, seconded by R. Schaufelberger, **With All in Favor**. K. Kiefer officially resigned.
- 5. New business / Committee Comments – None
 - 6. Public Comments – None

Adjourn. So Moved by K. Kiefer, **With All in Favor**. C. Baetz thanked K. Kiefer for her service to the SEDC.