

Economic Development Commission (EDC)

Regular Meeting ▪ 7:30 PM January 25, 2010 ▪ Room 2, Salem Town Offices ▪ Salem, Connecticut

1. Call to Order

Attending: Frank Sroka, Dana Abetti, Joe Duncan, Dave Kennedy, Sean Reith, Bob Ross

Guest: Frank Abetti

2. Seating of Alternates

M/S/A Dana, Sean. Dave Seated.

3. Changes to Agenda

None

4. Approval of Minutes from last meeting

Dave, Dana. Approved as submitted.

5. Communications

Municipal Land Use Meeting

6. Public Comment

Note

7. Reports

- Plan of Conservation and Development: Frank Abetti
We had 403 responses. We included residents, tax payers. We don't know what the denominator is. But, we estimate the response rate is 12%. Vision, PICD, BOS, P&Z, Municipal Land Use Committee will see it first. The verbatim comments will not be released publically because it is possible to trace comments back to the submitter in some cases and we want to respect people's privacy. Frank reviewed the survey results as presented in the Zoomerang charts PowerPoint presentation. We expressed interest in a cross-variant analysis of data in slides 22 and 32. If we are interested in additional analysis let Dana know.
- Liaison to Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z): Sean Reith and Gloria Fogarty. No update.
- Selectman: Economy is driving factor on public policy right now. Round About layout is being finalized (including hydraulic analysis). Bad Boyz Toys appraisal ETA is due in February, pushing the ETA out to June.
- Local Business Ombudsperson: Larry Stevens. No significant news to report this month.

8. Old Business

- Economic Development Action Plan progress
 - EDC Plan Critical Initiatives:
 - Goal 1: Take Care of Local Businesses: Sean Reith, Dave Kennedy
 - Rejuvenate Four Corners: Dana said Randall Arendt has agreed to discuss possible consultation work with us. We will meet with Mr. Arendt before our next meeting, Monday February 22. Exact time is TBD, but tentatively scheduled for 5:00.
 - Goal 2: Foster New Economic Growth: Joe Duncan, Dana Abetti
 - Identify ED opportunities that fit within the Salem community

Frank Sroka, Chair

Dana Abetti ▪ Joe Duncan ▪ Dave Kennedy ▪ Sean Reith ▪ Larry Stevens

- Process to identify and champion new business opportunities
- P&Z meeting in March to begin to develop the community fit analysis

9. New Business

Dave Kennedy offered his resignation. MS Dana, Sean. The Commission regrettfully accepted his resignation, and acknowledge our appreciation of his contributions to the Town of Salem.

10. Adjournment

M/S Dana, Sean 9:10 PM.

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