

Economic Development Commission (EDC)

Regular Meeting ▪ 7:30 PM, June 15, 2009 ▪ Salem Town Offices ▪ Salem, Connecticut

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM.

Present: Frank Sroka, Dana Abetti, Joe Duncan, Dave Kennedy, Larry Stevens, Bob Ross

Absent: Sean Reith

2. Seating of Alternates

Larry made a motion to seat Dave Kennedy and George Household. Dana seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

3. Changes to Agenda

None

4. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

Larry made a motion to approve the minutes, George seconded. The motion passed to accept the minutes with a correction to add Sean Reith as an attendee of the February meeting.

5. Communications

- Connecticut Chamber of Commerce "Voice" Publication
- Events at the Salem Library
- Note about Cracker Barrel for store location requirements from the Town Clerk

6. Public Comment

None

7. Reports

- First Selectman:
 - Joe Courtney's office met on March 16, to discuss possible public safety funding for the Four Corners roundabout.
 - Bob asked for a volunteer to help craft an ordinance for how to handle publically advertised events. Larry offered to help.
- Liaison to Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z): Sean Reith and Gloria Fogarty
 - We need two EDC members to attend a seminar on impervious surfaces.
 - P&Z Passed a special exception to approve a drive-through at the new development on Route 82 at Four Corners.
- Liaison to the Salem Town Center Committee (STC): Dana Abetti
 - The Committee still has not received the design guidelines from the volunteer planner. Will share when we receive them.
 - When we have a town meeting, we need to ensure there is some type of visual representation. The STC has not received that yet.
- Liaison to the Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) Refresh: Dana Abetti
 - The team is currently defining the scope, elements, issues and questions for the survey that is scheduled to go out in late 3Q or early 4Q.
- Local Business Ombudsperson: Larry Stevens
 - No **new** issues to report.

8. Old Business

Frank Sroka, Chair

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

- Economic Development Action Plan progress
 - EDC Plan Critical Initiatives:
 - Goal 1: Take Care of Local Businesses: Sean Reith, Dave Kennedy;
 - Rejuvenate Four Corners
 - No update
 - Goal 2: Foster New Economic Growth: Joe Duncan, Dana Abetti
 - Identify ED opportunities that fit within the Salem community –
 - This is being covered under the work associated with the POCD refresh (e.g., understanding the town's desires for Salem).
 - Process to identify and champion new business opportunities.
 - The next step is to meet with P&Z to discuss the process in a workshop-type of format. The EDC commission believes it is appropriate to wait until after October to ensure we are working with the latest group of P&Z officials. At this time, we do not know if Hugh McKenney will be running to serve as Chairman again, or whether there will be other changes to that commission as a result of November elections.

9. New Business

None

10. Adjournment

George moved to adjourn the meeting. Larry seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:00.