

Economic Development Committee

Meeting Minutes – April 15 2024

Attendees: Sue Clary
Larry Haber
Brenda Levy
Kay Tomasi
Robert Berger

1. Sue on ongoing initiatives
 - i. Linke Properties – County is proceeding to placing properties up for auction. Sue will reach out to our local representatives to see if there is any possible assistance they could provide to allow Salem to acquire the properties before auction. Larry will reach out to Elise Stefanik’s staff for possible support as well.
2. Project Updates
 1. Georgi – Brenda
 - i. Work to establish Georgi Museum under a 501C3 (non-profit) organization continues. Town Board at last meeting authorized a limited amount to be paid to an identified legal firm to initially prepare paperwork. This legal firm will attend a special Georgi meeting with the Town Board on May 2 to answer any i questions. The Board will vote to continue or not with 501C3 and the legal firm at this meeting.
 - ii. The Gem inventory has been completed, and the Painting inventory has started
 - iii. Preparations continue on getting the ADA RFP ready for issue.
 - iv. Event planning at the Georgi is continuing.
 - v. The fallen hydrangea tree will be stood up for replanting to see if it will survive.
 - vi. The current Georgi laptop will be issued to Sandi.
iWork to obtain an estimate to repair the roof is continuing.
 2. Sewer – Kay (Sue provided updates)
 - i. As per Sue, it appears that the Public vote on forming Sewer District is not yet determined. Revisions to SDU charging is continuing.
 - ii. 3 properties are being considered for the Sewer Plant.
 - iii. Brenda presented her thoughts about including additional houses in the District but was informed that no more revisions to the District are being entertained at this time.1,.
 3. Climate Smart – Yvette\Sam
 - i. No representation again. Larry suggested we try to add resources to this committee if we are serious about moving forward. Larry presented an article which highlighted Hebron’s achieving a Climate Smart status. Larry will reach out to some of the Hebron resources to see if they are willing to assist Salem.

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4. Economic Development - Larry
 - i. Planned Meeting with Cambridge Co-Op
 1. Scheduled meeting with Cambridge Co-Op deferred to May.
 - ii. Chamber of Commerce Meeting
 1. Larry attended a Chamber of Commerce Board meeting to introduce the Economic Development Committee.
 - iii. Remote Working Meeting
 1. Andrews Flynn from Cambridge has asked to meet with me to discuss the possibility of establishing a Remote Working location in Salem. Meeting date is still being planned
 - iv. YMCA
 1. Larry had a telephone call with the COO and Development representatives from the Albany YMCA organization with also runs the Greenwich YMCA. It was a productive meeting and the next steps are to obtain more information on what programs might be of interest to Salem.
 - v. FEMA Meeting
 1. There is a FEMA meeting scheduled for April 16th to discuss impact on community for those living in the identified Flood Plain
5. Next Steps
 - i. Identify participants for Salem/Shushan Vision document
 - ii. Continue to schedule meetings with other groups
 1. Salem Community Foundation
 2. Courthouse (scheduled for May)
 3. Library
 4. Firehouses/Rescue Squad
 5. Real Estate companies (in progress)
 6. Salem School
 7. Town Board Members
 8. Glens Falls National Bank?