

Economic Development Committee

Meeting Minutes – July 15, 2024

Attendees: Sue Clary Brenda Levey
Bob Berger Kay Tomasi

1. Sue on ongoing initiatives

- i. Linke Properties –Sue informed all that the County auction has been rescheduled to October of this year. Sue will continue to look to set a meeting with Bob Henke, and the County Attorney and the County Treasurer to discuss pre- and post-auction options. Larry has not yet connected with the EPA to identify total liens and study status but will keep trying.
- ii. Master Comprehensive Plan - Sue mentioned this project will launch in August. Salem has already received a grant in the amount of \$72k to assist this project. What still remains to be addressed is the Salem representation on the project.
- iii. Grant Funding – Sue identified a grant is underway for the Salt Barn.
- iv. HHH – Looking to acquire property for housing. Planned open is 2nd Q 2025.

2. Project Updates

1. Georgi – Brenda

- i. The Hyde museum has requested to show about 12 paintings from the Georgi. Sandi has reached out to Sotheby's which did an value estimate in 1989 to see if they would be interested in re-valuing the requested items. Sotheby's is interested. Sandi to identify any costs.
- ii. Legal work on the Charter and 501C3 is continuing.
- iii. Event planning at the Georgi is continuing.
- iv. The current Georgi laptop still needs to be issued to Sandi.
- v. Invasive Species meeting was held, and a 5 year plan to remediate is being developed.

2. Sewer – Kay

- i. Next Sewer meeting was deferred until August.
- ii. Affected Home Owner letter being developed
- iii. Site not yet finalized.
- iv. Public Vote date anticipated for 1st Q 2025.

3. Climate Smart – Sue

- i. Sue has assumed the role of Municipal contact for Climate Smart with John Bardwell sharing co-chair role with Yvette.

4. Economic Development - Larry

- i. Linke properties – See above.
- ii. Salem Food Store - Larry has met with Michael Ammaturo regarding the original proposed joint venture with the Cambridge Co-Op. The Co-Op is developing their 2025 Strategic plan which will include some mechanism for Salem residents to order from the Co-Op. More planning will need to take place.
- iii. YMCA - YMCA was contacted and they apologized for not providing information on next steps and what programs might be of interest to Salem. Larry will continue to follow up to obtain this information.
- iv. Town Board Member Meetings - Continued to try to schedule and talk with Salem Town Board members on their views of what and how to maintain and grow Salem and Shushan. Remaining members for meetings are Howard and Brenda.

5. Next Steps

- i. Continue to schedule meetings with other groups
 1. Library
 2. Firehouses/Rescue Squad
 3. Real Estate companies (in progress)
 4. Salem School
 5. Town Board Members

Next Meeting: August 19, 2024 9:00 a.m. at Salem Town Hall