

Economic Development Committee

Meeting Minutes – August 19, 2024

Attendees: Sue Clary John Bardwell
 Bob Berger Kay Tomasi

1. Sue on ongoing initiatives

- i. Linke Properties –Sue will let Larry 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 worked with the County Clerks office in an attempt to identify any EPA liens and study status but no information was available.
- ii. Master Comprehensive Plan - Sue mentioned this project will now launch in September. Larry has obtained a list of past participants from previous MCP's and will circulate to the other committee members to start to address the Salem representation on the project.
- iii. HHH – Planned open remains targeted for 2nd Q 2025.

2. Project Updates

1. Georgi – Larry for Brenda
 - i. Sotheby's quote is \$1,500 which will be presented to the Town Board for approval. It was the lowest cost of three replies.
 - 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. A meeting to assess the extent of mold at the Georgi is being scheduled.
 - vi. Repairs estimates for the roof (@\$8,000) will be presented to the Town Board for approval.
 - vii. Larry is developing a \$29,000 grant for ADA work to be submitted to the Charles Wood Foundation by 9/1/2024.
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.

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4. Economic Development - Larry
 - i. Linke properties – See above.
 - ii. Salem Food Store - More planning will need to take place.
 - iii. YMCA – YMCA has not provided any information . 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: September 16, 2024 9:00 a.m. at Salem Town Hall