

Economic Development Committee

Meeting Minutes – March 10, 2025

Attendees: Sue Clary Kay Tomasi Bob Berger
Speakers: Allison Gaddy – Lake George Lake Champlain Regional
Planning Board

Allison Gaddy Discussion

Allison provided insight into the various areas of expertise available through the LGLCPB and how they may be useful to Salem. They include grant writing and administration, Master Comprehensive Planning (MCP) and support, revolving loans, Small Business Capital. Further detailed discussions were held on grant funding through New York Forward, and it's possible that Salem could bundle a request which includes Georgi projects, Trails, Sidewalks, replacing water pipes under sidewalks and leveraging a Downtown Façade Program.

On the MCP, an RFP for a consultant is being developed by LGLCPB and will be issued shortly. Sue has begun to enlist several volunteers to represent Salem, and the anticipated number of volunteers will be around eight. LGLCPB has agreed to copy some historical planning documents as reference to prior activities and creating a more permanent digital record. Workshops will be held as the project start date grows closer.

- i. **Master Comprehensive Plan** – See above.
- ii. **HHH** – Planned open remains targeted for 2nd Q 2-025.
- iii. **Salt Barn** – Contracts for design are out.

Project Updates

- 1. **Georgi** – Larry for Brenda
 - i. Provisional Charter – Waiting for NYS Regents meeting and approval on April 8.
 - ii. MOU/Lease – Has been submitted to Town Board for review.
 - iii. Postcard – A postcard for mailing to past donors has been developed and informs them of the Hyde exhibit. Development cost of \$325 to be submitted to Board for approval.
 - iv. Bookings for events are continuing to be requested and be made.
 - v. Mold Consultation is being scheduled.
 - vi. ADA door specs are expected to be received from Waite shortly.
- 2. **Sewer** – Sue
 - i. An alternative site has been identified and discussions to acquire are on-going.

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3. **Climate Smart** – Sue/Larry(for John)
 - i. Sue, John and Larry were notified of a possible grant for our proposed landfill site by NYPA through NBCR. An Intent to Apply document was developed, submitted and accepted by NBCR on March 11, 2025. The formal application document needs to be submitted by mid-April, and work has commenced on developing that document.
4. **Economic Development** - Larry
 - i. Salem Food Store – Larry spoke with the Cambridge Co-Op Board on Wednesday February 12, 2025. The Co-Op has agreed to include Salem residents in the Co-Op’s Point of Sale system for on-line ordering when implemented.
 - ii. YMCA – Larry will continue to reach out to Scott Clark to discuss possible YMCA programs for Salem.
 - iii. Salem Trails – Al Cormier spoke with Mack Sanders of NE Rail to get current status information. Mack is going to call Larry to discuss further.
5. **Next Steps**
 - i. Continue to schedule meetings with other groups

Next Meeting: April 14, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at Salem Town Hall