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## **Economic Development Committee**

### **Meeting Minutes – October 14, 2025**

Attendees: Sue Clary Kay Tomasi , John Bardwell, Bob Berger, Julie Collier

#### **Sue On Ongoing Initiatives**

- i. **Master Comprehensive Plan** –Introductory meeting scheduled for November 21.
- ii. **Climate Smart** – Working on additional grants. A Solar Battery Storage seminar is being held in Troy on 10/17
- iii. **New York Forward Grants** – Intent to Apply due out this week.
- iv. **Land Banking** – Work is continuing at the County to retrieve several of the Lincke properties and the Shushan Bentwood factory. Sue is on the committee.
- v. **Tree Committee** - A new town committee has been formed to plant new trees in Salem.
- vi. **Washington County** – meetings are continuing to attempt to minimize the upcoming county tax increase,

#### **Project Updates**

1. **Georgi** – Brenda
  - i. Wedding Bookings are up.
  - ii. MOU discussions are continuing.
  - iii. ADA Door Grant has been received.
2. **Sewer** - Kay
  - i. Alternative site appraisal still not yet returned. Option to buy will require public approval. The Economic Development Committee continues working on the community marketing approach. Grant for Sewer is still in play.
3. **Solar Farm** - John
  1. A meeting with the NYPA Renewable Project group was held on October 10 to introduce themselves and discuss the proposed project. A plan to review the proposed site was set for November 12, after which they would speak with Economic Development members. A proposed Town Board presentation for November was deferred until more information has been gathered.
4. **Economic Development** - Larry
  - i. **NE Rail** –Transfer of Ownership letter and Quit Claim deed have not yet been received. Mac Sanders is continuing to get them from Canadian Pacific. Discussions about a proposed Greenwich to Thompson Yard Rail Trail are underway.

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5. **Salem Washington Academy – Julie**
  - i. Roofing Project – HAZMAT survey completed. Looking to Bid to contractors late winter.
  - ii. Bus conversions to all electric are being considered. There are three routes which would be too long for electric busses to recharge. A meeting with NYSERTA is scheduled for Nov. 17.

**Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on November 12, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at Salem Town Hall**