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Economic Development Committee

Meeting Minutes – January 12, 2026

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

Sue On Ongoing Initiatives

- i. **Master Comprehensive Plan** – Feedback from the November 21st meeting has been processed and will be discussed at the next meeting on January 21, 2026.
- ii. **Climate Smart** – Grants for sidewalk replacement have been submitted and the Town Board will be asked for approval for some town funding at the next Town Board meeting. Potential areas are: Park Place to Dollar General, Main Street to Archibald Street, Main Street to Hudson HeadWaters
- iii. **Land Banking** – We are continuing to wait on the State for approval. Salem has developed a design grant for Housing in Salem and Parking in Shushan.
- iv. **Salem to Thompson Rail Trail** – Grants have been received for a feasibility study.
- v. **HHW** – HHW has announced the plans to open the Pharmacy at the building.
- vi. **Historic Salem Courthouse** – The courthouse has received a donation to revitalize the Barns and upgrade the movie equipment.

Project Updates

1. **Georgi** – Brenda
 - i. Work continues on the 501C3.
 - ii. Trout Universal has planned to reconstruct the Battenkill Riverbanks. Project fund are approximately \$195k.

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2. Sewer

- i. No additional information to report.

3. Solar Farm

- I. NYPA Renewable group has engaged a consultant to identify costs associated with tying into the grid from our proposed location.

4. Salem Washington Academy

- I. Applied to NYS Dept of Education for getting out Roof Repair Bids.
- II. Received a grant of 9k from SoSalem for upgrades to A/V equipment
- III. Discussed potential for acquiring some additional students from the Mettawee school in Vermont.

5. Economic Development -

i. NE Rail –

Work continued on reviewing all NE rail properties has been started to determine any next steps with these properties.

ii. Miscellaneous –

Larry asked the EDC members for a list of potential 2026 projects. He will consolidate and distribute when available.

Larry is preparing a 2025 EDC recap and will distribute when completed.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on February 9, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. at Salem Town Hall