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Economic Development Committee

Meeting Minutes – March 9, 2026

Attendees: Sue Clary Bob Burger, Mike Mugits, Kay Tomasi, Brenda Levey

Sue On Ongoing Initiatives

- i. **Master Comprehensive Plan** – 274 Survey responses were returned and are being processed for information. They responses should be ready for the next MCP meeting in April.
- ii. **Climate Smart** – A Grant Funding Ledger sheet is being created to manage grants. Sidewalk grant is approx. \$200, with an additional \$30k grant for Main Street sidewalks.
- iii. **Land Banking** –The State has approved the program. We are awaiting details. A Board of Directors has been formed, with a Committee yet to be established to identify and prioritize projects.
- iv. **Salem to Thompson Railcar Trail** – Work is continuing on the 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.

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2. Sewer

- i. The use of SAW as a site for the sewer was declined by the SAW Board for approval. An alternative site off Stanton Hill Road has been identified and the process to obtain the land is on-going.

3. Solar Farm

- i. NYPA Renewable group has engaged a consultant to identify costs associated with tying into the grid from our proposed location. No additional information at this time.

4. Salem Washington Academy

- I. No information at this meeting.

5. Economic Development -

i. NE Rail –

A question of ownership of the Salem Freight Barn has been asked. Larry will discuss at the next NE Rail Board meeting in March and provide feedback.

ii. Miscellaneous –

Larry received a number of potential 2026 projects. He will consolidate and distribute when available.

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

Another Hebron/Salem Repair Café is being scheduled for April.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on April 13, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. at Salem Town Hall