

[Type here]

Economic Development Committee

Meeting Minutes – July 13, 2026

Attendees: Sue Clary Bob Burger, Kay Tomasi, John Bardwell,

Sue On Ongoing Initiatives

- i. **Master Comprehensive Plan** – Finalizing materials for packaging and release.
- ii. **Climate Smart** – Work on Climate Smart is temporarily on hold as there is a new point system needing review.
- iii. **Land Banking** – Brownfield sites in Salem and Shushan are under review to determine next steps.
- iv. **Grant Funding** – Additional grants in development:
 - a **Salt Shed** - \$450k
 - b **Brinemaker and Barn** - \$195k
 - c **DEC** - \$149k
 - d **LGLCRPB** - \$23k for sidewalks supporting Pedestrian Connection Plan

Project Updates

- 1. **Georgi** – Brenda
 - i. New A/C being installed.
 - ii. Rental revenues are up and ahead of last year.
- 2. **Sewer**
 - i. Currently on hold pending acquisition of a site. A possible new site has been identified for \$160k, but discussions with the landowners has not yet been scheduled to discuss.

Economic Development Committee
Meeting Minutes – July 13, 2026 (Page 2)

3. Solar Farm

- i. NYPA has presented the Town with an Option Agreement for the potential site. An initial review of the document has been done by Matt Fuller the Town's attorney and questions raised were sent back to NYPA.
- ii. Sue, John, and Larry held an additional review of the Option Agreement, and their changes and questions have been forwarded to Matt as well for incorporation.

4. Salem Washington Academy

- i. Mike Mugits was elected to the school board and has been named President of the School Board.

5. Economic Development - NE Rail –

1. Canadian Pacific provided the Quit Claim deed to Mac Sanders transferring the Salem Depot to NE Rail. The Quit Claim deed has been sent to the lawyer for filing.
2. The Steering Committee met July 26, 2026 and reviewed progress to date and future activities. At this meeting, LGLCRPG presented an MOU between the Town of Salem and LGLCRPG for work. It will be reviewed by NERail for their concurrence with the presented scope of work.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Monday August 10, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. at the Courthouse.