

TOWN OF SALEM NH

Economic Development Action Committee
Friday, April 26, 2019 Meeting Minutes



Meeting Attendees: Chair Gene Bryant (GB), Vice Chair Michael Banks (MB), Secretary Wayne Pilla (WP), Bob Donahue (BD), Selectmen's Rep Lisa Withrow (LW), Recorder, Carla Billingham (CB), GIS Manager John Vogl

The meeting was called to order at 7:36 AM. Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and accepted.

GB stated that there is one vacancy on the committee, since our Planning Board liaison, Paul Pelletier, was assigned to another committee. In light of our focus on the upcoming reconstruction in the Depot, GB recommended that we call for a business owner in the Depot to fill the one-year vacancy. GB will check our by-laws to determine if that individual must be a Salem resident.

JV gave an update on the Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) remediation. The new engineering company, Woodward and Curran is planning more soil testing to learn the full extent of the contamination with the support of the Department of Environmental Services (DES).

GB expressed the concerns of the committee: is any usable part of the site free from contamination?

With regard to our current focus on the Depot renovation, MB offered that the library has a listing of all the businesses in Salem which is accessible online.

GB called for two sub-committees – Technical and Marketing -- to focus on the current status of the businesses and properties in the Depot and the potential for future development of the area. He asked GF to chair Technical and will ask Hugo Overdeput to chair Marketing.

GB will email the committee with updates on the sub-committees and the call for candidates to fill the vacancy on this committee.

In response to BD's request for an update on potential locations for a dog park and Salem Animal Rescue League. GB said that no decisions have been made.

LW made a motion to adjourn. BD seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 AM.

Respectfully,
Carla Billingham, recorder.