



# Economic Development Commission

## Town of Lebanon

579 Exeter Road, Lebanon, Connecticut 06249

### MEETING MINUTES of May 24, 2022

Present: Jim Russo, Chair  
Marc Cohen  
Lori Jahoda  
Pat McCarthy  
Charlotte Ross  
Christine Warner  
Absent: Ellen Macauley  
Jim Smith  
Also Present: Philip Chester, Town Planner

- I. Jim Russo called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. and introduced new Commission member Lori Jahoda.
- II. Public Comments. None.
- III. Minutes. Motion by Jim Russo, seconded by Pat McCarthy, to approve the January 24, 2022 meeting minutes. Motion approved with Marc Cohen and Lori Jahoda abstaining.
- IV. New Business.
  - a. Town Planner Report. Farmers Market opens June 4<sup>th</sup> and runs through Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> (EDC funded advertisement placed in June Lebanon Life); 6 farmland preservation projects are in the loop; the Market on the Green reports business is doing well (EDC funded advertisement placed in June Lebanon Life); Planning and Zoning Commission is holding a public hearing June 20<sup>th</sup> for a zone change proposal for property on Scott Hill Road at Route 2 from the Business to Senior Residence zone; interest expressed in campground development; interest expressed in developing Business zoned land on Norwich Avenue at Sisson Road to auto repair; Grand Lake Spa being sold with interest in developing a restaurant; concept plan for 16 affordable senior housing units in front of Senior Center being developed by the town; progress on Library construction project; and budget update.

**Motion by Pat McCarthy, seconded by Marc Cohen, to send letter of support of PZ-22-16 to the Planning and Zoning Commission to rezone Scott Hill Road property abutting Route 2 interchange from the Business Zone to the Rural Senior Residence Zone to promote senior housing development which is identified in the Economic Development Section of 2020 Plan of Conservation and Development as a need in Lebanon and a positive tax benefit to the community. Motion unanimously approved.**

- VI. The Commission adjourned at 6:40 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of the Commission is set for 7:00 p.m. on July 26, 2022

Respectfully Submitted,  
Philip S. Chester, AICP  
May 26, 2022