



Economic Development Commission

Town of Lebanon

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MEETING MINUTES of January 30, 2024

Present: Jim Smith (Acting Chair), Julie Chalifoux, Lori Jahoda
Absent: Pat McCarthy, Charlotte Ross, Jim Russo, Christine Warner
Also Present: Philip Chester (Town Planner), Cathleen Smith (Selectman), Joyce Reynolds

- I. The Chair called the Regular Meeting of the Economic Development Commission to order at 6:00 p.m. and appointed Lori Jahoda a voting member.
- II. Public Comments – None.
- III. Meeting Minutes.
Motion by Julie Chalifoux, seconded by Lori Jahoda, to approve the November 28, 2023 meeting minutes with the correction that Joyce Reynolds was listed as Joyce Okonuk. Motion unanimously approved.
- IV. New Business
 - a. Nadine Stearns and Cameryn Worden, proprietors of Market on the Green (former Green Store) discussed plans to add more general convenience/grocery foods, replace the deli cooler to better promote selling of sliced meats, and add beer and an outdoor picnic table(s). Mr. Chester noted that the addition of picnic tables required approval by the Planning and Zoning Commission and UNCAS Health District. Commissioners recommended lowering the store sign and adding “Lebanon” specific merchandise.
 - b. Mr. Chester reported that the new liquor store on Norwich Ave. was doing well; Grand Lake Hotel is requesting additional parking spaces; town continues work to develop affordable senior housing on the Senior Center property; and an architect has been hired to develop concept plans for a new Public Works building at the current site.
 - c. The Commission discussed Farmers Market preparation and the desire to include wine tasting. Mr. Chester provided a written summary of the Market Manager duties, announced that Lilah Nowosad was the new Assistance Market Manager for the 2024 season, and that the Market was working on accepting SNAP benefits this year.
 - d. **Motion made by Lori Jahoda, seconded by Julie Chalifoux, to recommend to the Board of Selectmen that Joyce Reynolds replace Lori Jahoda as an alternate member and that Lori Jahoda be made a full member in place of Marc Cohen. Motion unanimously approved.**
- V. The Commission adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Philip S. Chester, AICP
February 1, 2024