

Economic Development Commission Town of Lebanon

579 Exeter Road, Lebanon, Connecticut 06249 (860) 642-2006

MEETING MINUTES of January 29, 2019

Present: Dennis Greci, Jim Russo, Alan Seilhammer, and Christine Warner

Absent: Marc Cohen, Jan Grigas, Pat McCarthy, and Jim Smith

Also Present: Philip Chester, Town Planner

- I. Alan Seilhammer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and appointed Jim Russo a voting alternate.
- II. Motion by Alan Seilhammer to recommend to the Selectmen the reappointment of Jim Russo as a Commission member. Seconded by Dennis Greci and unanimously approved.
- II. Public Comments. None.
- III. <u>Minutes</u>. Motion by Jim Russo to approve the November 28, 2018 meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Christine Warner and approved 3-0-1, with Dennis Greci abstaining.
- IV. Town Planner Update. Mr. Chester updated the Commission on economic development activities including planned development at Prides Corner Farm; PZC approval of wine production at 129 West Town Street; potential commercial development at 876 Trumbull Highway; March 20th Connecticut Agriculture Day Lebanon booth at the State Capitol; March 28th regional Agriculture Commissions hemp production education session at Lyman High School; POCD resident survey and cost-of-community services study; and installation of farm photos at Town Hall lower level.
- V. Motion by Alan Seilhammer to recommend to the Planning and Zoning Commission the inclusion of the following POCD resident survey question: "Should the town promote development at the Route 2 interchange by offering tax incentives?" Motion seconded by Jim Russo and unanimously approved.
- VI. Motion by Christine Warner to allocated \$150.00 to pay for Lebanon's booth at Connecticut Agriculture Day at the State Capitol. Seconded by Alan Seilhammer and unanimously approved.
- VII. Motion by Alan Seilhammer to allocated up to \$250.00 to pay for refreshments and sponsorship at the March 28th hemp production education session at Lyman Memorial High School. Seconded by Dennis Greci and unanimously approved.
- VIII. Adjournment. The Commission adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Philip S. Chester, AICP January 31, 2019