Town of Lebanon, Connecticut

Economic Development Commission

7:00pm June 25, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes

Lebanon Town Hall

1.0 The meeting was called to order at 7:10pm by Jim Smith, Chairperson.

Present were Jim Smith, Chris Warner, Jan Grigas and John Kolar

Absent was Christine Warner (Alt.)

2.0 February meeting minutes

Chris made a motion to accept the minutes as written. John seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

3.0 Business of the Month

There were no eligible nominations for Business of the Month. Members discussed ideas on how the program could be promoted among local businesses.

4.0 Recognition of past chairperson

The members decided on what to get for recognition of the past EDC Chair, Ellen Macauley, and Jim will invite her to come to the next LCBA meeting so she can be presented with the gift and publically recognized.

5.0 Two New Business coming to town

There will be two new businesses coming into Lebanon in the next few months. A new pizza restaurant will be opening in late July where Johnnie's used to be and a cross training fitness center will be opening in the old sports complex. The EDC members decided that doing a ribbon cutting ceremony would be a good idea to help promote the new business. They also discussed doing a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new art gallery opening up next month. Jan will reach out to the gallery owner to see if they would be interested in having the EDC there.

6.0 Other/Misc.

Jan suggested that the EDC think about proposing a tax deferral plan to help attract new business to town. Jim will reach out to the selectman to see if there is any interest on their part to have a tax deferral program.

7.0 Public Input

None

8.0 Correspondence

The EDC received a letter from the LCBA thanking us for our donation to support the business directory that they sent out.

9.0 Adjourn

Jan made a motion to adjourn at 7:46pm. Chris seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by: Christopher Warner Secretary EDC