

Town of Lebanon, Connecticut

Economic Development Commission

7:00pm January 22, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes

Lebanon Town Hall

1.0 The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Ellen Macauley, Chairperson.

Present were Ellen Macauley, Chris Warner, Jan Grigas, Jim Smith, John Kolar and Christine Warner (Alt.)

Ellen made a motion to move the meeting downstairs to the public hearing and presentation by Norwich Public Utilities on a proposed water tank on town property so the EDC members could learn about the project. Jim seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The EDC members returned from the public hearing and the meeting resumed at 7:29pm.

Jim made a motion that the EDC send the Board of Selectman a letter of support in favor of the proposed water tank construction by Norwich Public Utilities. John seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Ellen will send the letter on behalf of the EDC and the members were encouraged to attend the January 27, 2014 Town meeting 7:00pm Lyman Memorial High School, to support the project.

2.0 October 2013 meeting minutes

Ellen found two errors in the October minutes. She made a motion to have the minutes in section 5.0 read 2014/2015 budget and in section 7.0 it should read Jim Smith made a motion. Jim seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

3.0 Business of the Month

The eligible nominations were reviewed and Jan made a motion to nominate Novotny Builders as the March Business of the Month. John seconded the motion and it passed with four yes votes and one abstention by Ellen. Jim then made a motion to nominate Calico Suites as the April Business of the Month. Chris seconded the motion and it passed with four yes votes and one abstention by Ellen.

Ellen made a motion to move up agenda item 6.0 Other/Misc. Chris seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

6.0 Other/Misc.

Ellen's term on the EDC is set to expire on 1/31/14. Ellen will not be seeking another term. That will leave a vacancy for the EDC chair. Ellen made a motion to nominate Jim Smith as the new

EDC chairman effective 2/1/14. Jan seconded the motion and it passed with four yes votes and one abstention by Jim.

4.0 2014 priorities/ 2014 projects

Ellen created a list of possible priorities and projects for the EDC to address in 2014. The members will discuss the list and set the priorities at the February meeting. One possible project may be to work with the LCBA on the CT Small Business Development Center Program in March.

5.0 LCBA planned event for June 2014

The LCBA is planning an event in June that will coordinate with the Farmers Market and Historical Society. More details to come in the future.

7.0 Public Input

None

8.0 Correspondence

The EDC received a card informing us that there is a Board of Education budget input session on 1/28/14.

9.0 Adjourn

Jim made a motion to adjourn at 8:03pm. Jan seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by:
Christopher Warner
Secretary EDC