Town of Lebanon, Connecticut

Economic Development Commission

7:00pm January 23, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes

Lebanon Town Hall

1.0 The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm by Ellen Macauley, Chairperson.

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

Absent was Jan Grigas and Linda Reed (Alt.). Christine was seated for Jan.

2.0 October 2012 meeting minutes

The October meeting minutes were reviewed. Jim made a motion to accept the minutes as written. John seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

3.0 Way finder sign project

Ellen updated the EDC on the progress of the way finder sign project. There seems to be general agreement that the signs are a good thing. The next step in the process is a meeting with Planning & Zoning. It looks like the project will begin in April.

4.0 Business of the Month

The eligible nominations were reviewed and Christine nominated Joan Adams Dog Grooming for the March Business of the Month. Jim seconded the motion and it passed with 4 yes votes and one abstention by Ellen. Ellen will submit it to Lebanon Life to be run in next month's edition.

5.0 LCBA February presentation

Ellen distributed a copy of last year's presentation to the LCBA to be reviewed and updated for this year's presentation. Members made suggested changes and Ellen will update the presentation. The LCBA meeting will be on February 19th at 6pm at the Log Cabin.

6.0 Budget

Ellen submitted the EDC budget to the Board of Finance that was passed earlier this month at the special meeting.

7.0 PZC regulation review sub-committee update (TVC)

Ellen updated the EDC members on the last Planning and Zoning sub-committee meeting that she attended in October and covered the topics that were discussed. Overall, the village district is moving forward and will hopefully be in place with regulations by the end of 2013.

8.0 Farmers Market

Ellen attended the year end farmers market meeting on behalf of the EDC. The market budget figures were passed around. Overall, the farmers market is doing well and has plans to accept food stamps (SNAP) next year. The state will be providing a terminal to accept the SNAP cards and vendors will be able to receive reimbursement directly from the town.

9.0 Other/misc

Ellen distributed a copy of an email sent to her by alternate member Linda Reed. Linda's attendance record was discussed and the members were in unanimous agreement that despite her low attendance record she be allowed to keep her alternate seat on the EDC. The LCBA Business Expo will be coming up in the spring this year and the EDC members are encouraged to help the LCBA in any way they can with the Expo.

10.0 Correspondence

There was no correspondence

11.0 Adjourn

Christine made a motion to adjourn at 8:14pm. Jim seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by: Christopher Warner Secretary EDC