

Town of Lebanon, Connecticut
Economic Development Commission
7:00pm May 23, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes
Lebanon Town Hall

1.0 The meeting was called to order at 7:01pm by Ellen Macauley, Chairperson.

Present were Ellen Macauley, Christopher Warner and Jan Grigas (Alt).

Absent was Jim Smith, John Kolar, Kirsten Westbrook, Christine Warner (Alt.) and Linda Reed (Alt). Jan was seated for Kirsten.

2.0 April Minutes

The April meeting minutes were reviewed and Jan made a motion to accept them as written. Chris seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

3.0 Farmers Market

The farmers market will begin on June 2nd.

4.0 LCBA

The LCBA's meeting earlier this month featuring the Northeast CT Economic Alliance was successful and turnout was good.

John Kolar and Jim Smith entered at 7:07pm

The LCBA will be compiling the new town guide due out in January of 2013. The EDC will look to support the town guide mailing later this year. The LCBA annual picnic is scheduled for August 8th. All EDC members and their families are welcome to attend.

5.0 Business of the Month Program

The EDC members reviewed the eligible Business of the Month submissions. Ellen made a motion to accept The Farmers Cow as the Lebanon Business of the Month for July. Chris seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Ellen will submit the article to Lebanon Life and Chris will work on getting the information onto the town website.

6.0 Town Village Center

The Cecil Group had its final public information session on April 30th at the Senior Center. They will be giving a presentation to the Planning and Zoning Commission in the coming months.

7.0 Lebanon Industrial Zone

Ellen relayed Neil Gilman's appreciation for the letter that she sent on behalf of the EDC regarding his Scott Hill property. The site lacks city water and sewer connections and he was unable to get this accomplished so his plans for the property are now being re-evaluated.

8.0 Tax Incentives- Deferrals

Tax deferrals may be a viable option for Lebanon to help support and attract new business and existing business reinvestment. Ellen will research and develop a plan for tax deferrals that can be discussed next meeting. All members are encouraged to do research on the matter as well.

9.0 Other/Misc.

Jan was active in visiting the owner of the commercial plaza on Route 289 to help encourage development of new business. Ellen also put Taxes Plus in contact with the plaza owner to help facilitate a potential move of that business to Lebanon.

Chris brought up the new State of CT "Still Revolutionary" tourism campaign that was recently announced by the Governor. Ellen will reach out to the state department of economic development to see how Lebanon might get involved with this new tourism plan. She will keep all relevant town boards and organizations informed of her conversations with the state.

10.0 Public Input

There was no public input at this meeting.

11.0 Correspondence

There was no correspondence at this meeting.

12.0 Adjourn

Jim made a motion to adjourn at 7:52pm. The motion was seconded by John and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by:
Christopher Warner
Secretary EDC