

Town of Lebanon, Connecticut
Economic Development Commission
7:00pm March 28, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes
Lebanon Town Hall

1.0 The meeting was called to order at 7:06pm by Ellen Macauley, Chairperson.

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

Absent was Kirsten Westbrook. Linda was seated for Kirsten.

Guests Present were John Reed.

2.0 February Minutes

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

3.0 Farmers Market

There is no update on the farmers market this month. The EDC is still waiting to hear from the Town Planner on when to transfer the funds approved last month for the farmers market.

4.0 LCBA

Ellen presented an expense of \$44.51 that was for printing costs related to the EDC presentation at the February LCBA meeting. John made a motion to accept and reimburse the \$44.51 printing expense related to the LCBA presentation in February. The motion was seconded by Jim and passed unanimously.

The LCBA business expo is coming up on April 21st at the Lebanon Fire Safety Complex. All available EDC members will help with setup the night before at 5pm and again the morning of the event. The EDC will staff a welcome table at the event as in years past and if necessary will help staffing a concession table for the Farmers Cow.

5.0 Business of the Month Program

There was no nomination forms submitted to the EDC this month.

6.0 Town Village Center

The final public session by the Cecil Group will be on April 23rd from 7:00pm to 8:30pm at the Lebanon Senior Center. All members are encouraged to attend. Ellen showed the EDC members a map of the Lebanon green that was passed out at the last stakeholder meeting and

went over the proposed zoning changes and recommendations made by the Cecil Group at the last stakeholder meeting.

7.0 EDC Attendance Policy

Ellen distributed a draft of an attendance policy for members of the EDC to follow. The members reviewed the proposal and Christopher made a recommendation to change the language so that the policy covers a rolling 12 month period. Jim made a motion to accept the attendance policy as amended. The motion was seconded by Linda and passed unanimously. Ellen will make the proposed changes to the policy and inform the Board of Selectman of the new attendance policy for the EDC.

8.0 Other/misc.

Ellen proposed that the EDC consider doing research around a possible tax abatement program to incent new business development in the event that the new zoning being proposed by the Cecil Group is approved by the town. Ellen will gather tasks that need to be researched for the program and present them at the next EDC meeting.

9.0 Public Input

John Reed asked a question regarding some of the Cecil Groups recommendations for the Lebanon green.

10.0 Correspondence

The LCBA sent a thank you note in response to our presentation at their February meeting.

11.0 Adjourn

Jim made a motion to adjourn at 8:11pm. The motion was seconded by Christopher and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by:
Christopher Warner
Secretary EDC