Town of Lebanon, Connecticut

Economic Development Commission

7:00pm February 22, 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, John Kolar and Chris Warner.

Absent was Kirsten Westbrook and Linda Reed (Alt).

Guests Present were Jim Smith and Christine Warner.

Chris made a motion to move agenda item 9.0 Public Input to be the next agenda item to be addressed. The motion was seconded by John and passed unanimously.

9.0 Public Input

Christine Warner introduced herself to the members of the EDC. She is looking to fill one of the remaining alternate positions on the EDC. Jan Grigas is also interested in filling one of the alternate positions on the EDC. She was unable to attend but did send Ellen an email expressing her interest. Chris made a motion for Ellen to make a recommendation to the Board of Selectman in favor of Christine and Jan being chosen for the two remaining alternate positions on the EDC. John seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

2.0 January Minutes

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

3.0 Farmers Market

The Lebanon farmers market did not receive a grant from the State of Connecticut this year. The EDC was asked if they could support the farmers market with \$1,000. Ellen updated the group on the status of the current farmer's market budget and the members discussed the request. Chris made a motion to give \$500 out of the current fiscal year budget and an additional \$500 out of next fiscal year's budget to the farmers market. John seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

4.0 LCBA

The LCBA is having their annual membership drive breakfast in March. They are looking to have the EDC co-sponsor the event with them. John made a motion to have the EDC co-sponsor the event with the LCBA. Chris seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

5.0 Re-appointment of Jim Smith

Jim expressed an interest and commitment to continue serving on the EDC. Chris made a motion to recommend Jim's EDC re-appointment to the Board of Selectman. John seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

6.0 Business of the Month Program

The EDC made a presentation to the LCBA at their February meeting to introduce the Business of the Month (BOM) Program. The BOM presentation was well received and the program is now active and accepting nominations.

7.0 Village Center

Ellen went over the results of last month's public input meeting with the group. The next stakeholder meeting will be on February 27th.

8.0 Other/misc.

Ellen suggested an attendance policy be implemented for the EDC. The members gave input on ideas for the policy. Ellen will compile the suggestions and create a formal policy to be voted on at the next EDC meeting.

10.0 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

11.0 Adjourn

Chris made a motion to adjourn at 8:30pm. The motion was seconded by John and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by: Chris Warner Secretary EDC