

Town of Lebanon, Connecticut
Economic Development Commission
7:00pm April 27, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes
Lebanon Town Hall

1.0 The meeting was called to order at 7:04pm by Ellen Macauley, Chairperson.

Present were Ellen Macauley, Kirsten Westbrook, Linda Reed, and Chris Warner.

Linda was seated for Jim Smith.

2.0 March Minutes

The March meeting minutes were reviewed and Kirsten made a motion to accept them as written. Chris seconded the motion and it passed with three yes votes and one abstention.

3.0 LCBA

The LCBA is looking for help from EDC members to set up for the May meeting program. The members agreed to help set up for the event. Setup starts at 6am and the meeting begins at 7:30am.

The LCBA set a date for its annual Fall in Love with Lebanon Expo. The date is 10/15/11 and the EDC members agreed to provide their usual support for the event.

The members of the EDC are invited to the LCBA picnic on 7/30/11. The event will be held at the Community Center in town.

Jim Smith entered the meeting at 7:10pm. Linda was unseated for Jim and reseated for John Kolar.

The LCBA is looking to have the EDC join their membership as a paying member. Ellen will look into the status of the EDC membership with the LCBA and see if that is something we want to pursue.

4.0 Farmers Market

There were no farmers market updates to report.

5.0 Budget Update

The EDC budget as submitted was cut slightly to a final number of \$2,030. The town will vote on the final budget at referendum in May.

6.0 Other/Misc.

The town of Lebanon submitted an application to the State of Connecticut for a historic preservation grant. There were 17 applications received by the state and 5 grants will be awarded. The grants should be awarded in the next two weeks.

The Scott's warehouse facility is moving forward. Construction should be starting soon on the new warehouse and the town will be receiving new tax revenue from the building.

Expansion has started at the Mitlitsky Egg Farm on Card Street in Lebanon. They will be expanding their facilities there and the town will receive additional tax revenue from the expansion.

The Norwich Water Company was informed by the State of Connecticut that it needs to construct additional water towers. One of the proposed sites is on Lebanon town property. There will be further discussions by the Board of Selectman as to whether the town should sell or lease the property for the water tower.

Kofkoff Egg Farms on Mack road will be doing a \$7,000,000 renovation to their facilities there. The new buildings here will also generate increased tax revenue for the town of Lebanon.

Business of the Month program- the members discussed questions to submit to the town of Portland to help us develop a potential business of the month program for the town of Lebanon. Chris will follow up with the contact in Portland and report on the answers next meeting.

7.0 Correspondence

The EDC received a letter from the Windham Chamber of Commerce officially welcoming us to the Chamber.

Ken DeLisa, a member of the Windham Chamber Board of Directors, sent the EDC an email thanking the group for its membership in the Chamber and encouraging us to get involved.

8.0 Public Input

There was no public input at this meeting.

9.0 Adjourn

Jim made a motion to adjourn at 7:50pm. The motion was seconded by Kirsten and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by:
Chris Warner
Secretary EDC