

Town of Lebanon, Connecticut
Economic Development Commission
7:00pm June 23, 2010 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, John Kolar, Chris Warner, Kirsten Westbrook and Mike Sundquist. Mike Sundquist was seated for Jim Smith. Guests present were Pat McCarthy.

2.0 May meeting minutes

The minutes from the May meeting were reviewed. Kirsten Westbrook made a motion to accept the minutes as is. The motion was seconded by Mike Sundquist and passed unanimously.

Ellen Macauley made a motion to move agenda item 7.0 as the next topic for discussion. The motion was seconded by Chris Warner and passed unanimously.

7.0 Other/Misc.

Pat McCarthy spoke to the EDC on behalf of the Lebanon Connecticut Business Association. The LCBA is enthusiastic about the tag sale on the green but it is set the same day as the LCBA's annual expo. The options discussed were to move the date of one of the events, have a free shuttle the day of the events moving people between the expo, farmers market and tag sale or move the expo on or close to the tag sale on the green. It was determined that the most ideal solution would be to move the expo to the town green to have a combined event with the tag sale. Pat McCarthy will investigate the cost of a tent and tables for the expo exhibitors and coordinate efforts with Chris Warner to see if the combined event can work.

3.0 Village Hill Convenience Store Presentation

The Village Hill Convenience Store was looking to get EDC support for an ice cream window to be installed. Development plans have since changed and the owner is no longer looking for EDC support. Moving forward the EDC will develop a program with specific criteria for local businesses looking for financial support. Ellen Macauley will work on developing program criteria for EDC input and approval.

4.0 Discussion of EDC revenue line

At the last board of finance meeting it was suggested that the EDC ask to have a revenue line added to the general fund of the town. This will allow the income from the tag sale to be tracked. John Kolar made a motion to ask the board of finance to add a revenue line for the EDC. The motion was seconded by Mike Sundquist and passed unanimously.

5.0 Borderlands Program Report

Ellen Macauley gave a report on the recent borderlands program that she attended. The presentation covered ways that rural towns can effectively support controlled growth while maintaining the town's character. The EDC will look at the project more closely after the tag sale is over.

John Kolar left the EDC meeting at 8:20pm

6.0 Tag Sale Sub-Committee Report

Chris Warner gave an update on what he learned from shadowing the Colchester tag sale setup last week. He also inquired about possible electricity being supplied by the Congregational Church on the town green. Kirsten Westbrook gave an update on the advertising for the tag sale. The ad that was to run in Lebanon Quarterly was pulled by the paper due to the LCBA expo being on the same date. The ad will be submitted to Lebanon Life for publication in the August edition.

8.0 Correspondence

There was no correspondence for the EDC.

9.0 Adjourn

Kirsten Westbrook made a motion to adjourn at 8:30pm. The motion was seconded by Mike Sundquist and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by:

Chris Warner

Secretary