

Town of Lebanon, Connecticut
Economic Development Commission
February 24, 2010 Regular Meeting Minutes
Lebanon Town Hall

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Ellen Macauley, Chairperson.

Present were Ellen Macauley, Chris Warner, Kirsten Westbrook and Mike Sundquist. Mike Sundquist was seated in the vacant seat of John Kolar. Guests present were John Kolar.

1.0 Introduction of New Member

Kristen Westbrook was introduced to the other members of the Economic Development Commission. She is a regular member taking over the seat that was vacated by Paul LeDuc.

2.0 Election of Vice Chairman

A new vice chairman of the EDC needs to be elected as the former vice chair was Paul LeDuc and his term has expired. The members are to consider who would like to take the duties and vote on a new vice chair at a future meeting.

3.0 John Kolar re-appointment recommendation

John Kolar's term on the EDC has expired. Mike Sundquist made a motion to reappoint John to the EDC. Chris Warner seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

4.0 January Minutes

The minutes from the January special meeting were reviewed and Chris Warner made a motion to accept the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Mike Sundquist. The motion passed with 3 yes votes and one abstention.

5.0 Jaspers

The possibility of putting in a drive through Dunkin' Donuts in or around Jaspers convenience store was discussed. The commission discussed the pros and cons of the development and discussed whether or not to put support behind the plan. Ellen will invite Ed Keefe, who owns the property, to come and share his vision of what he would like to see happen at the next EDC meeting to help the commission learn more about the project.

6.0 LCBA Website

The EDC had an offer from David Schultz of the Lebanon Connecticut Business Association to have space on the LCBA website for the cost of \$50 a year. The EDC members determined that there was no need for a presence on the LCBA website and declined the offer.

Jim Smith entered the meeting and was seated at 7:20

7.0 Tag Sale

Attempts to locate the tag sale on the town green have been unsuccessful. Ellen proposed moving the tag sale to the new town parking lot. Chris Warner made a motion to cancel the April tag sale date and reschedule the event pending the completion of the new parking lot. Jim Smith seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Chris was able to get some forms and templates from Jack Faski of the Colchester Business Association that are used for Colchester's annual tag sale and will meet with him to help develop a plan for the EDC to run our event in the fall. He will report his findings at the next meeting.

8.0 Farmers Market Report

Chris gave an update on the progress of the farmers market and the support that the EDC is providing to run the farmers market. He will continue to attend regular meetings to support the farmers market and will give updates each month.

9.0 Other

Ellen suggested that the EDC put together an informational power point presentation on the benefits of the proposed business district in the new plan of conservation and development document. The members agreed that this was a good idea and Ellen volunteered to create it.

10.0 John Kolar Presentation

John presented and reviewed the information he received at a recent marketing seminar to the members of the EDC and handed out notes and reference material from the seminar.

11.0 Correspondence

There was no correspondence for the EDC.

At 8:00pm Jim Smith made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Chris Warner and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by:

Chris Warner

Secretary