

Town of Lebanon, Connecticut Meeting Minutes Economic Development Commission

Date: Monday, December 15th, 2008
Upstairs Conference Room, Lebanon Town Hall

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:45pm by Ellen Macauley. Present were Ellen Macauley, Mike Sundquist, John Kolar and Jim Smith. Guests were Phil Chester (Town Planner) and Chris Warner. Paul LeDuc joined at 6:50pm.

Old Business was moved to accommodate Phil Chester.

New Business:

1.0.0 Phil Chester-Town Planner

- 1.1.0 Phil handed out some materials concerning Lebanon statistics, a phone poll (Land Conservation Survey) conducted 11/18 to 11/22 and key areas of the Plan of Conservation applicable to Economic Development.
- 1.2.0 Discussed proposed "floating zone" concept for southern portion of town green.
- 1.3.0 Discussed two properties in town that may be suitable for economic development- 74 Norwich Ave. (Lebanon Sports Center) and 869 Beaumont Highway.
- 1.4.0 Sports complex project seems to be dead at this point.
- 1.5.0 Discussion about potential "Brownfields" grants from the State of Connecticut.

2.0.0 Capital needs Planning for EDC

- 2.1.0 No Capital needs for EDC at this point.
- 2.2.0 Motion made by Jim Smith, seconded by Mike Sundquist. Motion passed unanimously.

3.0.0 2009 EDC Budget

- 3.1.0 2009 EDC Budget discussed and will be submitted to Board of Finance by Ellen.
- 3.2.0 Total amount agreed to was \$2000.
- 3.3.0 Motion made by Paul LeDuc, seconded by John Smith. Motion passed unanimously.

4.0.0. 2009 EDC Schedule

- 4.1.0. 2009 EDC schedule discussed and agreed to.
- 4.2.0. Motion made by Jim Smith, seconded by Paul LeDuc. Motion passed unanimously.

5.0.0. Ellen Macauley- Term

- 5.1.0. Ellen's term is coming to an end in February.
- 5.2.0 Ellen was nominated for another term by the EDC.
- 5.3.0 Motion was made by Paul LeDuc, seconded by John Kolar. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

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6.0.0 Sports Complex Update

6.1.0 The project appears to be dead at this point.

7.0.0 EDC 2009 Priorities

7.1.0 The 2009 EDC priorities have been finalized.

7.1.1 Educate people on small business issues and opportunities within Lebanon

7.1.2 Promote small business in Lebanon

7.1.3 Continue to review business regulations

7.1.4 Work with appropriate town officials to enhance and support small non-owner occupied business and service in Lebanon

7.1.5 Work with other town organizations (LCBA, Lebanon Historical Society) to promote Lebanon

7.1.6 Work with appropriate town officials and organizations to promote agri-tourism opportunities in Lebanon

7.1.7 Explore options/resources/assistance to existing business' and farms in Lebanon

7.1.8 Explore a business reference guide

7.1.9 Research grants for existing commercial property development

7.2.0 Motion made to accept by Jim Smith, seconded by Paul LeDuc. Motion passed unanimously.

8.0.0 November EDC Minutes

8.1.0 Mike was asked to email the meeting minutes to all the members

8.2.0 Motion made to accept the November 2008 minutes by Jim Smith, seconded by Mike Sundquist. Motion passed unanimously.

9.0.0 No Correspondence

10.0.0 Meeting Adjourned at 7:40pm

10.1.0 No January meeting

10.2.0 Motion made by Jim Smith, seconded by Paul LeDuc. Motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by:
Mike Sundquist
Secretary

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