

Town of Lebanon, Connecticut Meeting Minutes Economic Development Commission

Date: April 21, 2008
Upstairs Conference Room Town Hall
7:00 pm

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Macauley at 7:08pm. Present were Ellen Macauley, Paul Leduc, and Mary Thompson. Absent were John Kolar and James Smith.

Paul Leduc moved to rearrange the agenda as members had other meetings to attend. Mary Thompson seconded. Unanimous.

Old Business:

Macauley reported there is no further information on the status of the EDC budget request as the budget hearing is tonight at 7:30pm.

Jim Smith joined the meeting at 7:15pm.

Macauley reported there is no information on the status of vacancies on EDC.

Mary Thompson reported that PR is going out on the May 17th educational program on starting a business and asked that all attend. Paul Leduc moved to give the presenter a \$100 honorarium for the program. Jim Smith seconded. Unanimous.

Mary Thompson reported that the LCBA publication will go to press in November and we had discussed 500 dollars to support the publication. Motion made by Mary Thompson and seconded by Paul Leduc to send a \$500 check to LCBA to help with printing/postage. Unanimous.

Ellen Macauley reported interest is being shown by a sports/fitness business in locating in Lebanon. She asked Paul Leduc to contact the business and see what they need to conduct their business here.

New Business: Macauley suggested we study the business regulations and make recommendations for change. Because of time constraints with public hearings tonight, Jim Smith moved to table this to the next meeting. Seconded by Paul Leduc.

Correspondence: Ellen Macauley presented the materials on the Land Use seminars sponsored by Uconn and the State EDC Creative Tax programs and suggested we pick dates to attend.

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Macauley asked for a motion to send the EDC priorities (attached) to the Selectmen. So moved by Paul Leduc and seconded by Jim Smith. Unanimous.

Discussion of proposed zoning regulation changes in regards to A Zone and cluster housing postponed due to lack of time.

Paul Leduc moved to adjourn, seconded by Jim Smith. Unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

Submitted By:

Mary E. Thompson

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2008 Priorities
(attachment to the Minutes of 4/21/08 Meeting)

1. Educate residents on business issues and opportunities in Lebanon.
2. Promote Small Business in Lebanon.
3. Review current business regulations and request appropriate revisions to enhance small business in Lebanon as well as making Lebanon more business friendly.
4. Work together with P&Z on proposed zoning changes as it relates to business in Lebanon.
5. Work with other town organizations (Lebanon Historical Society, LCBA, etc.) to promote the town of Lebanon.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Thompson,
Secretary

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