

Town of Lebanon, Connecticut Meeting Minutes Economic Development Commission

Date: June 7, 2007
Town Hall Basement Conference Area

0.0 0.0 Call To Order

- 0.1 The meeting was called to order at 10:05am. Present were: John Kolar, Kent Sleath, Paul LeDuc, Ellen Macauley, members and Ginny Stein, guest.

The scheduled business items were taken out of order as the town planner, Phil Chester, could not attend until later in the meeting.

1.0 2.0 Old Business

- 1.1** 2.1 The LCBA Business Expo is being planned for 10/20 and is moving along well. John Kolar volunteered to line up a tent if necessary for extra space. The committee's next meeting is July 19th at the Thompson home to make signs. PR will be stepped up through August and September and Lebanon Life has already run a large ad. Kari Schulze is in charge of the Expo for LCBA.
- 2.2 Kent Sleath reported that there is a T1 cable running between all the schools in Lebanon. Paul LeDuc is developing a needs analysis with Computer Tamers. Mary Thompson reported that Rob Simmons might have some input into wifi being an economic boost to Lebanon and will contact his office to see if he is available to speak to a combined EDC/LCBA meeting.
- 2.3 Motion was made by Ellen Macauley and seconded by Paul LeDuc to accept the minutes of May 3rd with a spelling change in paragraph 3.2 "will ask L.Leduc" to "will ask Paul LeDuc". Passed unanimously.
- 2.4 Ginny Stein presented the postage bill for the LCBA Directory. Motion made by Thompson and seconded by John Kolar to reimburse the LCBA \$500 for postage. Passed unanimously.
- 2.0 1.1 Town Planner's Report (Phil Chester joined meeting at 10:30am).**
- 1.1.1 Gilman project proceeding. The company expects a Fall groundbreaking.
- 1.1.2 The farmers' market will start June 30th. Thompson asked if the planner would convey the Expo date/details to the group for the October market.
- 1.1.3 A change is necessary to the Zoning Regulations allowing a truck terminal in the Industrial zone. The planner presented a concept for the change wording and asked for EDC endorsement of that change. Motion made by Ellen Macauley, seconded by Paul LeDuc to endorse the change. Passed unanimously. Discussion raised to remove "truck terminal" from allowable use in the business zone.

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- 1.1.4 Phil Chester reported that the town is still looking at possible uses for the land by Jasper's Gas Station. Thompson suggested it might be a good location for a larger post office. Discussion arose about a need for better postal services.
- 1.1.5 Questions were directed at the planner about the Amston Lake sewer study. He will report at the next meeting.

2.1 3.0 New Business

- 3.1 Correspondence.
- 3.2 Kent Sleath asked if the EDC will support municipal agencies' registrations for the Business Expo. Moved by Kent Sleath, seconded by Paul LeDuc that registration funding support will be considered on a case by case basis. Passed unanimously. He will contact the Fire Department to see if it will attend and he reported that the Registrar of Voters expects to with a voter registration booth.
- 3.3 Extensive discussion arose as to postal services being reduced and hurting businesses and private interests. EDC members spoke to the planner about the need to locate land for a potential new post office structure so that services could originate in Lebanon. Ginny Stein said that the postmaster and a marketing rep from USPO is meeting with LCBA at the 6/19 meeting at the Log Cabin Restaurant. She invited EDC members to attend.
- 3.4 Next EDC meeting is Friday July 13, 2007.

3.0 Adjourn

- 3.1 Motion made by Paul LeDuc and seconded by John Kolar to adjourn at 11:05am. Passed unanimously Adjourned.

Submitted By:

Mary E. Thompson