

Town of Lebanon, Connecticut Meeting Minutes Economic Development Commission

Date: April 3, 2007
Community Center

0.0 0.0 Call To Order:

- 0.1** The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by the Chairperson, Kent Sleath. Present were John Kolar, Paul LeDuc, and Mary Thompson, members; Kari Schulze, David Schulze, and Sarah Crosse, guests. Absent was Ellen Macauley, member.

1.0 1.0 Welcome Guests:

- 1.1 New member John Kolar was introduced.
- 1.2 Kari Schulze, David Schulze and Sarah Crosse, representing the LCBA were introduced.

1.1 2.0 Old Business:

- 2.1 John Kolar moved to have the EDC sponsor the first annual Business Expo; M. Thompson seconded. Passed unanimously. Discussion: LCBA will handle the arrangements. Event will be held 10/20/07 from 11-4. Setup will be that morning. More information forthcoming.
- 2.2 Kent Sleath reported that the Gilman site plan was approved by P&Z.
- 2.3 There was no report on the Farmers' Market.
- 2.4 The committee reviewed responses of the Business Questionnaire. Mary Thompson reported that she'd received three more and will add them to the compilation. The questionnaire will be done in another 8-12 months. Results will be forwarded to the Selectpersons and planning office.
- 2.5 Paul LeDuc reported that the library enjoys free wireless through the Ct. Education Network. He also reported that Mansfield is moving towards Wifi and he will contact the Town Manager for further information. Manchester's wifi is provided by AT&T.
- 2.6 Motion was made by Mary Thompson and seconded by Paul LeDuc to submit the proposed regulation changes to the town planner with the addition of (7.5 Home Occupation) "encourage wherever appropriate". Passed unanimously. Paul LeDuc added that two residences are being constructed in the business zone at the intersection of Waterman Road and Norwich Avenue, thusly further diluting the integrity of the business zone at that intersection.
- 2.7 Kent Sleath reported that Dunkin Donuts may be interested in the property beside Jasper's.
- 2.8 Paul LeDuc moved, Kent Sleath seconded to approve March 6th, 2007 minutes. Approved unanimously.
- 2.9 Paul LeDuc moved, Kent Sleath seconded to approve March 14th, 2007 minutes. Approved unanimously.
- 2.10 Paul LeDuc moved, Kent Sleath seconded to approve March 20th, 2007 minutes. Approved unanimously.

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1.2 3.0 New Business :

3.1 Kent Sleath provided copies of letter he sent to planner in regards to the \$100,000 request for purchase of development rights, a copy of email from the First Selectperson regarding the EDC sponsoring the Business Expo. and a copy of a letter dated 4/2/07 outlining the action taken by the Board of Finance concerning the 2007-2008 budget request. He also provided an article from the Chronicle 3/24/07 concerning wifi security.

3.2 Mary Thompson moved and Paul LeDuc seconded that Kent Sleath will develop an EDC meeting schedule on the first Thursday of each month 10 am-12. Discussion: Some discussion as to whether Weds. or Thurs. best for the new member. Consensus appeared to be Thursday is best with the majority of the members. Kent Sleath will contact Ellen Macauley to see if Thursday is compatible with her schedule also. Passed unanimously.

4.0 Adjourn:

Paul LeDuc moved, Kent Sleath seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:53pm.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Mary E. Thompson, Secretary

