



# Economic Development Commission

## Town of Lebanon

579 Exeter Road, Lebanon, Connecticut 06249

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### MEETING MINUTES

July 23, 2019

Present: Pat McCarthy (Acting Chair), Marc Cohen, and Dennis Greci  
Absent: James Smith (Chair), James Russo, Christine Warner, and Alan Seilhammer  
Also Present: Town Planner Philip Chester, and Charlotte Ross

- I. Call to Order: Pat McCarthy opened the meeting at 6:03 p.m.
- II. Public Comment: Charlotte Ross, 28 Taylor Bridge Road addressed the Commission and Expressed interest in joining the Commission.
- III. Meeting Minutes: Motion by Dennis Greci to approve the May 28, 2019 meeting minutes with the addendum that Christine Warner was "present". Motion seconded by Marc Cohen and approved 2-0-1 with Pat McCarthy abstaining.
- IV. New Business:
  - a. 2020 POCD Economic Development Subcommittee. The PZC is requesting that the EDC review the 2010 POCD Economic Development section and make recommendations for the 2020 POCD by January 2020. A review of 2010 POCD recommendations and the economic development opportunities map were made.
  - b. Town Planner Update. Mr. Chester discussed economic development activities occurring in town.
  - c. **Pat McCarthy made a motion to recommend to the Board of Selectmen that Dennis Latchum be appointed as a full Commission member and that Charlotte Ross and Ellen Macauley be appointed as alternate Commission members. Motion seconded by Marc Cohen and unanimously approved.**
- V. Old Business:
  - a. Tax Abatement Program. The Commission reviewed the 6/25/19 draft and **a motion was made by Marc Cohen to adopt the Tax Abatement Program. Motion seconded by Dennis Greci and unanimously approved.** Mr. Chester will prepare and distribute a press release on the EDC Tax Abatement Program and add it to the town's web site.
  - b. **A motion was made by Pat McCarthy [reaffirming the 3/26/19 Commission decision] to recommend to the Board of Selectmen that Phase II Gan Aden senior housing be granted a 75% tax abatement for the first year, 50% for the second year, and 25% for the third year with similar design to Phase I. Seconded by Marc Cohen and unanimously approved.**

The Commission adjourned at 7:25 p.m. The next Commission meeting is scheduled for Sept. 24, 2019.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Philip S. Chester, AICP  
July 25, 2019