



Town of Lebanon
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Tuesday, January 26, 2021

**Teleconference Meeting
Minutes**

Members Present: Marc Cohen, Dennis Greci, Pat McCarthy, Ellen Macauley, James Russo, Christine Warner
Members Absent: James Smith, Charlotte Ross
Also Present: Kevin Cwikla (First Selectman), Philip Chester (Town Planner),

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- a. Motion by Dennis Greci, seconded by Ellen Macauley, to approve the November 24, 2020 meeting minutes. Motion unanimously approved.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Mr. Chester updated the Commission on the adoption of the 2020 Plan of Conservation and Development; progress on adding market-rate senior housing rental units on Doctor Manning Drive; and 2021 farmer market planning including the revamp of Dept. of Ag. Farm Viability Grant program which will no longer provide funds for the farmer market.
- b. 2021 Regular Meeting Schedule: Motion by Jim Russo, seconded by Marc Cohen, to approve the 2021 Regular Meeting Schedule.
- c. Spring Advertising Budget – No action taken.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- a. FY 2021-22 Operating Budget. The EDC discussed the value of the farmers' market to residents and vendors and the Commission's desire to sponsor the 24 market day events.

Motion by Pat McCarthy, seconded by Ellen Macauley, to recommend an \$8,000 Economic Development Commission FY 2021-22 budget, with \$6,000 earmarked for Lebanon Farmers Market advertising and employment of a part-time market master due to the loss of state funds. Motion unanimously approved.

VI. ADJOURNMENT. The Commission adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Philip S. Chester, AICP
Town Planner
As of 2/1/21