

Town of Lebanon, Connecticut Meeting Minutes Economic Development Commission

Date: NOVEMBER 20, 2007

SPECIAL MEETING LEBANON FIRE SAFETY COMPLEX 6PM.

Call To Order

The special meeting of the EDC was called to order by Chairperson, Kent Sleath at 6:00 pm..

There were 46 members of the public signed in as attendees—EDC members from Lebanon and Columbia, the news media, selectpersons from various towns, representatives of business associations (Willimantic Chamber of Commerce and the Lebanon Ct. Business Association), small businesspersons and representatives of local tourism and Rob Simmons, Ct.. Business Advocate, speaker. (Sign in sheet attached).

Mr. Simmons was introduced by Joyce Okonuk, Lebanon First Selectperson at 6:00pm.

Mr. Simmons spoke for 30 minutes on the “alphabet soup” of various departments and regulatory agencies that small business must contend with. He also reiterated the need to revoke the annual tax of \$250 (renewal fees) for certain business entities—LLC’s and others. He answered questions from the audience for 40 minutes. Kent Sleath, EDC Chairperson thanked Mr. Simmons for coming and introduced Pat McCarthy, Chairperson of the LCBA who awarded two citations to outstanding 2007 members—Ginny Stein, past president, and Kari Schulze, outstanding volunteer.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:15pm to be followed by refreshments and the annual meeting of the LCBA in The same facility at 7:30pm.

Submitted By:

Mary E. Thompson, Secretary EDC