



Economic Development Commission

Town of Lebanon

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MEETING MINUTES

November 26, 2019

Present: James Smith (Chair), Pat McCarthy, Dennis Greci, James Russo, Charlotte Ross (Alt.), Christine Warner (Alt.)

Absent: Marc Cohen, Ellen Macauley (Alt.)

Also Present: Town Planner Philip Chester

- I. James Smith called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. and appointed Charlotte Ross as a voting member.
- II. Public Comment: None.
- III. Meeting Minutes: **Motion by Dennis Greci to approve the September 24, 2019 meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Charlotte Ross and approved 4-0-1, with James Russo abstaining.**
- IV. Town Planner Update. Mr. Chester reported on the results of the 2019 Cost of Community Services Study; farm viability grant applications submitted to the Dept. of Agriculture to fund advertising dollars for the farmers market, study the reuse of dairy land, and study the feasibility of creating an ag. center with housing for farmers; upcoming meetings with the First Selectman and Dennis Greci representing the EDC with property owners at the Route 2 interchange and the developers of the senior housing; PZC approval of 78,000 sq. ft. Prides greenhouse building; library project update; winter farmers market; 11/19/19 invitation from PZC to submit comments for the 2020 POCD; proposed 2020 regular meeting schedule; and proposed yoga studio at 95 West Town Street.

Motion by Dennis Greci to approve the 2020 regular meeting schedule as proposed. Motion seconded by Pat McCarthy and unanimously approved.

Motion by James Russo to endorse the application before the Planning and Zoning Commission for the proposed yoga studio at 95 West Town Street. Motion seconded by Dennis Greci and unanimously approved.

- V. Draft 2020 POCD Economic Development Section. The Commission reviewed the 2010 POCD recommendations. Mr. Chester will provide members with a draft 2020 POCD Economic Development Section for comment in December.

The Commission adjourned at 7:30 p.m. Next Commission meeting is scheduled for Jan. 28, 2019.

Respectfully Submitted,
Philip S. Chester, AICP
December 3, 2019