



# Economic Development Commission

## Town of Lebanon

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### MEETING MINUTES

**January 28, 2020**

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

Pat McCarthy called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. and appointed Dennis Greci and Christine Warner voting members.

**Motion by Dennis Greci, seconded by Christine Warner, to approve the November 26, 2019 meeting minutes. Motion unanimously approved.**

**Motion by Dennis Greci, seconded by Pat McCarthy, to recommend a \$2,000.00 Operating Budget for FY 2020-21 to the Board of Finance to include \$1,000.00 toward operating the Farmers Market. Motion unanimously approved.**

**Motion by Christine Warner, seconded by Dennis Greci, Dennis Greci, to transfer an additional \$500.00, for a total of \$1,000, to Farmers Market Account #230-00-000-2316. Motion unanimously approved.**

Dennis Greci and Phil Chester met with the owner of Grand Lake Spa and visited the site to discuss potential future use(s). They will set up a meeting with the CT Dept. of Economic and Community Development and/or the CT Department of Housing to see if there is any state assistance available for this site.

Mr. Chester reported that the draft 2020 POCD Economic Development Section appeared well received by the Planning and Zoning Commission; the town has been awarded a \$6,500 grant from the CT Department of Agriculture for the 2020 Farmers Market and ConsAg newsletter; CT RC&D has been awarded a grant from the Department of Agriculture to study the feasibility of creating an ag. center with affordable housing for new or young farmers; and the Board of Selectmen will hear the EDC proposal to send to Town Meeting a tax abatement for development of 6 senior housing units off Doctor Manning Drive.

The Commission adjourned at 7:07 p.m. The next Commission meeting is scheduled for March 28, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Philip S. Chester, AICP  
January 30, 2020