



Economic Development Commission

Town of Lebanon

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MEETING MINUTES of May 26, 2020

Present: Chair James Smith, Marc Cohen, Dennis Greci, James Russo, Christine Warner
Absent: Jan Grigas, Pat McCarthy, Charlotte Ross
Also Present: Town Planner Philip Chester

- I. Call to Order. James Smith called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- II. Public Comments. None.
- III. Minutes. Motion by Jim Russo to approve the January 28, 2020 meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Christine Warner and unanimously approved.
- IV. Town Planner's Report. Mr. Chester updated the Commission on economic development activities including preparation for the Farmers Market which opens June 6 and COVID related protocols being put in place; PZC approvals for a yoga studio on West Town Street and home occupation hair salon on Scott Hill Road; town purchase of land along Airline Trail State Park as part of Columbia's Wells Woods and Mono Pond State Park; potential for future land purchase along the Airline Trail; farmland preservation projects in the works; work with CT RC&D to create an agricultural education center in Lebanon with affordable farmland and housing; 2020 POCD update; pause in development of 6 age-restricted housing units abutting the Senior Center; and discussion with Scott Hill Road property owner at the Route 2 interchange regarding a proposed multi-family housing development.

The Commission recommended the owner of the proposed multi-family housing on Scott Hill Road come before the EDC with their concept plan to discuss a possible tax incentive to encourage development.
- VI. Old Business. None.
- VII. Adjournment. The Commission adjourned at 6:18 p.m. The next Commission meeting is scheduled for July 28, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,
Philip S. Chester, AICP
May 28, 2020