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MINUTES
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23, 2021 – 4:00PM
City Hall – Council Chambers
51 North Park Street, Lebanon

1. CALL TO ORDER:

- The June 23, 2021 Economic Development Commission meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM
- Present on the Commission: William Dunn (Chair), Dan Nash, Kevin Purcell, Chip Brown, Andy Key, Councilor Doug Whittlesey, City Manager Shaun Mulholland, Tracy Hutchins, UVBA. Johanna Cicotte was present remotely.
- Staff Present: Planning and Development Director David Brooks.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- A. Motion by Dan Nash to approve the minutes of April 28, 2021, Second by Councilor Whittlesey. Minutes approved unanimously.

3. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Discussion on Use of Seminary Hill School – City Manager Mulholland provided a brief update on the City's request to the School Board regarding potential community use of the facility.
- B. Discussion on Watersports on Mascoma Lake – Chip Brown discussed efforts in Franklin, NH and other communities to create whitewater parks. He suggested that Lebanon could start with encouraging landowners to provide access to the river as there are relatively few public access points and that rivers often get cleaned up as a result of greater public use. There was discussion about

4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- A. Discussion on Redevelopment of Lower Parking Lots per 2016 Downtown Visioning Study – City Manager Mulholland provided an update on a proposal for landscape island improvements in downtown. He suggested that the City consider proposals for the lower parking areas close to the river once the Spencer Street reconstruction and 20 Spencer redevelopment are underway. TIF revenues could be utilized to replace surface parking.

5. OTHER BUSINESS:

Ms. Hutchins provided updates on various UVBA efforts, including coordination with the Upper Valley Young Professionals and the Dual Career Network. She mentioned an app being launched soon that will help news about activities occurring around the Upper Valley.

City Manager Mulholland mentioned Soofa signs that the City will have installed in downtown Lebanon and West Lebanon.

Mr. Brooks provided an update on the status of the Streetscape Study and River Trail feasibility study for West Lebanon.

Chair Dunn provided an update on the Arts & Culture Commission including activities by AVA Gallery and a call to artists for the tunnel grand opening.

Councilor Jim Winny spoke on behalf of the West Lebanon Revitalization Advisory Committee and possibilities for a joint meeting and coordinated efforts with EDC.

6. ADJOURNMENT.

- Motion by Dan Nash to adjourn, Second by Chip Brown. Motion approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Minutes Recorded by David Brooks