

Lebanon Avenue Revitalization Committee Minutes
Thursday, March 13, 2008
Colchester Town Hall
Meeting Room 2 – 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Adam Turner, Mike Pasternak, Amy Steinman, Chair Jennie Lenkiewicz, First Selectman Linda Hodge

Others Present: Rene Marvin

1. **Call to Order:** Town Planner Adam Turner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Election of Chair:** Following discussion, a majority of members present voted in favor of selecting Jennie Lenkiewicz as Committee Chair. First Selectman Linda Hodge addressed the committee and outlined her vision for this group. She acknowledged that the Lebanon Avenue Revitalization Committee was one of several economic development efforts her administration was focused on, including the Business Park and agriculture use study as well as marketing Colchester as a destination.
3. **Additions to Agenda:** None
4. **Citizen's Comments:** Rene Marvin addressed the committee regarding the history of Lebanon Avenue. He cautioned that certain landowners would be reluctant to spend their funds on improvements.
5. **Scheduling of Future Meetings:** The committee agreed to submit their schedules to the First Selectman's Office for coordination to schedule the next meeting.
6. **Possible Strategies:** Following discussion, the committee agreed that that district boundaries should be Main Street on the west and the True Value hardware store on the east. This would include all of the commercial properties. There was also discussion regarding the use of wetlands adjacent to the district and the need to develop the unimproved parcel to the west of the telephone company. Discussion also centered on signage. Adam Turner distributed pictures of shops in the district and agreed to prepare a virtual tour of the district for the next meeting.
7. **CDBG Grant:** Adam Turner outlined the towns plan to receive Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding including the Board of Selectman authorizing the solicitation of a consultant to administer the application. He indicated that the specific project being proposed had not been definitively outlined but the planning staff had identified sidewalk and lighting improvements.
8. **Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned by Jennie Lenkiewicz at approximately 8:00 p.m.