

## **Leland Economic Development Committee**

### **Created**

The Leland Economic Development Committee (LEDC) is hereby created to establish and oversee activities of the Town's economic development program and assist the Town Council in implementing economic development initiatives in Leland.

### **Duties and Goals**

- To develop a long-range Economic Development Plan for the support and nurturance of business and industry in Leland and northern Brunswick County. Such a plan shall include recommendations on compatible industries, business recruitment, potential incentives and more. The plan will also serve as a tool for fully integrating consideration of economic development into all town planning initiatives, i.e. the Master Plan.
- To monitor, evaluate and assist in efforts to implement the Economic Development Plan by presenting, advising or recommending matters related to the plan.
- To establish a program and associated policies to promote economic development in the Town of Leland.
- To consider initiatives that fit within the approved economic development program that can be jointly implemented by the Town and existing economic and tourism development boards.
- To work with area local governments and public and private organizations to promote and develop economic opportunities for the Town of Leland in the context of a regional approach.
- To present, review, advise or recommend any other matter related to economic development as the Mayor and Town Council may direct.

### **Membership Terms and Vacancies**

The Leland Economic Development Committee shall consist of seven (7) regular members. One Town Council member shall serve on the Committee as an ex-officio member without voting rights. Membership shall be as follows:

- One (1) member of the Leland Tourism Development Authority (TDA)
- One (1) member from the North Brunswick Chamber of Commerce
- One (1) member of the Brunswick County Economic Development Council
- Four (4) at-large members. At-large members may be appointed from any segment of the community and may include representatives from the local business community, Brunswick Community College, Brunswick County Schools, Leland Cultural Arts Committee and more.

The Town Council shall appoint Committee members for two-year terms. The terms of four members of the Economic Development Committee shall expire on June 30 of even numbered years or until their successors are appointed. The terms of three members shall expire on June 30 of odd numbered years or until their successors are appointed. The Town Council shall appoint members of the Economic Development Committee at the regular Town Council

meeting in June of each year and new Committee members shall take office at the next regularly scheduled Committee meeting.

Terms shall be staggered with initial appointments as follows: Four (4) members for a term of three (3) years; three (3) members for a term of two (2) years.

All vacancies shall be filled by the Town Council. All appointments are at will. Appointment to an unexpired term does not extend the period of the term to which a Committee member is appointed.

### **Officers**

**Chairman:** The chairman shall be elected by the members of the Committee at the first scheduled meeting and the first meeting after June 30 in consecutive years. The chairman is eligible for reelection, shall preside at each meeting, and shall decide on all points of order and procedure. The chairman shall vote on all matters before the board. The chairman will work with staff to establish an agenda for each meeting. Upon resignation or some incapacity visited upon the chairman, the board shall elect a new chairman within 90 days to complete the existing term of office. In addition, the chairman shall provide an annual report by June 30 of each year to the Town Council in reference to the activities of the Committee for the previous year.

**Vice-Chairman:** A vice-chairman shall be elected by the Committee from its members in the same manner as the chairman and shall be eligible for reelection. The vice-chairman shall serve as acting chairman in the absence of the chairman, and at such times shall hold all powers and duties of the chairman.

### **Voting**

All members of the Committee shall vote on every issue except in a situation where a member of the Committee shall be excused from voting by the chairman on matters involving direct personal or financial interest. In the event that a member abstains from voting for reasons other than direct personal or financial interest, the abstention shall be ruled by the chairman as an affirmative vote.

### **Meetings**

Regular meetings of the Committee shall be held at Town Hall at a set time agreed upon by the members of the Committee.

Special meetings of the Committee shall be held at a time and place designated by the chairman subject to compliance with requirements of the North Carolina Open Meetings Law.

When there is no business for the Committee, regular meetings may be cancelled. Notice will be given to all members of such cancellation.