

**TOWN OF NEW LEBANON
RESOLUTION #XX, 2023
QOL CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK
MAY 15, 2023**

At the Regular Monthly Meeting of the New Lebanon Town Board, held at the New Lebanon Town Hall, 14755 NYS Route 22, New Lebanon, New York, duly called and held on the 15th day of May 2023, the following Resolution was proposed and seconded:

Resolution by _____

Seconded by _____

Quality of Life Conceptual Framework

WHEREAS, the Town of New Lebanon created a Quality of Life Committee on February 8, 2022 to work on issues such as housing, health care access, community center and other potential issues that affect quality of life in New Lebanon; and

WHEREAS, the current Quality of Life Committee consists of the following members: Tistrya Houghtling – chair, Robert Gilson – minutes taker, Sharon Powers, Joshua Young, Danielle Kuffel and Kyle Kuffel; and

WHEREAS, the current Quality of Life Committee voted on adopting a conceptual framework to guide their work moving forward and requested that the Town Board adopt the conceptual framework for the Quality of Life Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Town of New Lebanon adopts the following conceptual framework for the Quality of Life Committee :

Mission – To improve the quality of life for the residents of New Lebanon, specifically in the areas of Housing, Health & Wellness, Lifestyle, and Safety & Security.

New Lebanon Committees to work with:

- Zoning Rewrite Committee
- Diversity & Inclusion Committee
- Conservation Advisory Council
- Recreation Commission
- Business & Economic Development Committee

Columbia County Resources:

- County Housing Taskforce
- Columbia Economic Development Corporation (CEDC)
- Chamber of Commerce

How we go about accomplishing our mission:

Housing

To find and/or procure grants or make it easier for others to find and/or procure grants for multi-use housing. To identify properties appropriate for housing projects and potentially work to make them shovel ready and attract a developer to build them.

Work to modify zoning to ensure it is as housing friendly as possible.

1. new housing projects
2. repurposed housing
3. housing above commercial establishments
4. Community Land Trust
5. ADU's/ Compact Homes

Health & Wellness

To disseminate information on physical and mental health. To find the means to bring better physical and mental health services to New Lebanon.

1. Designate a point person to improve information disbursement to residents
2. Work to establish a safe place or places for people to get these services
3. Work with other towns to get physical/mental health services here
4. Explore the idea of a mobile health unit that serves more than one town
5. Try to attract an urgent care center to NL.

Lifestyle

To make it easier for our residents to access stores/services in and around New Lebanon. To have better communication for the residents to find out what is going on.

To ease loneliness and isolation, particularly in the winter months.

1. Mobile van throughout New Lebanon, or getting bus service here
2. Establish some type of buddy system for those who cannot drive or need occasional assistance or visits

Safety & Security

To make sure that all people feel safe in New Lebanon, especially safe to visit whatever store or establishment they desire

1. Work with the diversity & inclusion committee (support their projects)
2. Work with law enforcement
3. Support efforts to create safe walkability and bike ability throughout town

Upon the question of the foregoing Resolution, the following Town Board Members voted "Aye" or "Nay" for said Resolution:

Roll Call Vote:

Councilmember Norman Rasmussen	_____
Councilmember Deborah Gordon	_____
Supervisor Tistrya Houghtling	_____
Councilmember John Trainor	_____
Councilmember Marianna Anthonisen	_____

The Resolution, having been approved by a majority vote of the Town Board, was declared duly adopted by the Supervisor of the Town of New Lebanon.

Dated: May 15, 2023

Marcie Robertson
New Lebanon Town Clerk