# Town of New Lebanon

**Resolution 18, 2021**

**CAC Grant Application Through The Hudson River Estuary Program**

**May 11, 2021**

At the regular monthly meeting of the New Lebanon Town Board, held at the Shatford Park Pavilion, 170 Old Post Road, New Lebanon, NY and via video and teleconference, duly called and held on the 11th day of May 2021, the following Resolution was proposed and seconded:

Resolution by Supervisor Houghtling

Seconded by Councilmember Gordon

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WHEREAS, the current Open Space Inventory (OSI) for the Town of New Lebanon dates from October 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Town of New Lebanon Conservation Advisory Council (CAC) prepared the OSI with a focus on the *Town of New Lebanon Comprehensive Plan* from 2005; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of New Lebanon approved the OSI as a town document on that basis; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board adopted the *2017 Natural Resource Conservation Plan for the Town of New Lebanon* (NRCP), as prepared by and recommended by the CAC, in December 2017; and

WHEREAS, the NRCP delved into greater depth than the OSI in evaluating the town’s open spaces and created a series of 22 new maps of the town; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board in 2019 formed a committee to revise the 2005 Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Plan Update Committee has been meeting monthly since September 2019 and bimonthly during 2021 to take the steps necessary to revise the Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of New Lebanon is expected to approve a revised *Town of New Lebanon Comprehensive Plan* in late 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Hudson River Estuary Program of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation invites grant applications through the New York Grants Gateway before a deadline of June 2, 2021; and

WHEREAS, these grants made possible through the Environmental Conservation Fund would cover the costs for revising an existing OSI and creating a first-ever Open Space Index to be certified by the Town Board; and

WHEREAS, the minimum grant award would be $10,000 over a two-year period and successful applicants not announced until November 2021; and

WHEREAS, contracts agreed on by the Town of New Lebanon would not likely be final until January 2022, one directly with an experienced consultant and another with the Hudson River Estuary Program to reimburse outlays with grant funds; and

WHEREAS, the revised Comprehensive Plan would be available by that time to help guide the process of revising the OSI and creating an Open Space Index.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of New Lebanon approves the grant application by the Town of New Lebanon through its CAC to the Hudson River Estuary Program of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation before the deadline of June 2, 2021.

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

Roll Call Vote:

 Councilmember Gordon Yes

 Councilmember Trainor Yes

 Supervisor Houghtling Yes

 Councilmember Rasmussen Absent

 Councilmember Newton Yes

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 11, 2021

Marcie Robertson

Town Clerk

Town of New Lebanon