# Town of New Lebanon

**Resolution 35, 2022**

**Resolution Forming The Diversity & Inclusion Committee**

**October 11, 2022**

At the regular monthly meeting of the New Lebanon Town Board, held at the New Lebanon Town Hall, 14755 State Route 22, New Lebanon, NY on the 11th day of October 2022, the following Resolution was proposed and seconded:

Resolution by Councilmember Anthonisen

Seconded by Supervisor Houghtling

***Resolution Forming The Diversity & Inclusion Committee***

**WHEREAS**, recently as a nation we have witnessed record high violence based upon a person’s religion, race, gender identities, sexual orientation, nationalities, economic status and political affiliation; and

**WHEREAS,** here in the United States communities that have been built with the guidance, assistance and leadership that is inclusive of peoples of all races, religions, nationalities, gender identities, sexual orientations, economic status and political affiliation are more successful; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of New Lebanon Town Board continues to maintain that all people of our community have the right to feel safe and be treated equally and with respect and dignity regardless of their race, religion, nationality, gender identity, sexual orientation, economic status and political affiliation; and

**WHEREAS**, it was recently brought to the attention of the Town of New Lebanon Town Board that some community members do not feel safe in New Lebanon.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Board of the Town of New Lebanon, on behalf of our community members, do hereby state that New Lebanon reaffirms our commitment to a status of inclusion for all races, religions, nationalities, gender identities, sexual orientations, economic statuses and political affiliations; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Town Board of the Town of New Lebanon is forming a diversity & inclusion committee with the following members:

Joel Priest – chair

Marianna Anthonisen – TB Liaison

Jennifer Aybar-Blenke

Saoirse Gardner

Sharon Powers

Charles Grice

Andy Vadnais

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Town Board of the Town of New Lebanon is tasking the diversity & inclusion committee at working to create a safe & welcoming community for all.

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

Roll Call Vote:

 Councilmember Buckenroth Aye

 Councilmember Gordon Aye

 Supervisor Houghtling Aye

 Councilmember Trainor Aye

 Councilmember Anthonisen Aye

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: October 11, 2022

Marcie Robertson

Town Clerk

Town of New Lebanon