

Assessor

We are moving along with our Data Verification but it is going a little slower than we had anticipated. We have a new GIS file and are able to use it for some inventory review.

We have 3 Scar Hearings and 4 Article 7's

Building Department

No report

Business & Economic Development

No report

Outreach & Marketing

The committee met to update our welcome packets with new materials such as the new town tourism brochure, most recent newsletter, new county tourism brochure, etc. We will be delivering them to new homeowners in August.

CAC, Climate Smart & Environmental Management

CAC:

Drinking Water Source Protection Plan 2 (DWSP2) – HOT OFF THE PRESS! The Town of New Lebanon DWSP2 implementation plan has been reviewed and accepted by the State (letter attached at the end of the committee reports)! This is great news. The letter says, in part, "We wanted to thank the Town for participating in the Drinking Water Source Protection Program (DWSP2) and commend you for having a thorough plan to protect your drinking water."

The biggest aspect to protect our water is testing which will be ongoing. We are proceeding with voluntary water testing for residents with 110 tests done so far, including retests, and if there are specific concerns we are testing for those concerns. Thank you to all the residents who have all reached out voluntarily. If any resident has concerns over potential contaminants we do explore the concern looking at underground water flow, etc. We need resident's help in identifying their concerns so we can decide what to test for. We have been testing for PCBs around the brown field near the Theater Barn and so far have found none. Please reach out to us if you live around there. One of our upcoming goals is to assess PFAS potential contamination in town as well as other chemical concerns. In 2019 we hosted a talk at the Library, "Could Hoosick Falls Happen Here?" (see**below) and the invited panel of experts were not very concerned about endemic PFAS issues since we are not a manufacturing center.

However it is advisable that residents share any information on long-term dumping of cars and furniture and clothing so wells downgrade may be tested. At this time the CAC tests resident's wells when asked and we do not have the knowledge or person power to do research on our own - we depend on residents to help us! Contact Donald at nlcac.lamonaca@gmail.com or Peg nlcac.munves@gmail.com

To remind folks, in 2020 and 2021 the uncapped Town Dump's Test wells tested positive above the then-acceptable level for PFAS and associated compounds. Several rounds of tests done by the DEC and NYSDOH for private wells downgrade of the dump showed 0 PFAS, However leeching can happen at any time, over time, and there may be other chemicals in there that we do not know about.

**The concern behind "Could Hoosick Falls Happen Here?" In 2016, Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) was detected in the Village of Hoosick Falls' public drinking water supply and Town of Hoosick private drinking water wells above the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) health advisory level"(<https://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/site-cleanup/regional-remediation-project-information/region-4/hoosick-falls-area>). The City of Hoosick Falls has been working hard to remediate the situation and provide clean water to all residents.

Open Space Inventory Update -- last update was 2015 and we have started the current update. This will be a work in progress for a few months, and then we will have some public meetings about it and get info and feedback from residents. The 2015 version is available on the Town website Looking for new members! If you want to help the NL CAC, please let us know! Send a letter to Marcie at townclerk@townofnewlebanon.com

The NL CAC is: Bill O'Neill, Peg Munves, Donald Lamonaca, Bruce Shenker, Bob Gilson, Tyler Fogg, Steve Powers

CSC:

Thanks to the Town Board for approving the bids for the garage upgrades at the last special meeting. Currently we are working with the roofer to get the roof sealed in conjunction with the solar panel installation. The electrician is working with Pete to get a new electric line installed underground between the Town Hall and the garage to increase the service from 100 amps to 200 amps as well as replacing and upgrading the overhead garage lights to LEDs. Once the electric service is upgraded, the heat pumps in the garage can be installed. The goal is to get the garage heat pumps up and running by the first week of September so that we can qualify for the points in NYSERDA's Clean Energy Communities (CEC) program by the Oct 1 deadline. Those points are the difference between a \$200,000 grant and a \$250,000 grant as NYSERDA lowers the awards Oct 1st.

Our CEC heat pump campaign yielded results as the 15th New Lebanon resident purchased clean, energy efficient heat pumps which will yield another \$10,000 grant from NYSERDA to be used for energy upgrades on town buildings.

The CSC tabled with the CAC at Music in the Park and will be offering bike tune-up programs at the Community Center on Aug 15, Sept 19 & Oct 17 from 3-5pm. Residents are encouraged to get their bikes in top shape so they can enjoy the great outdoors this Summer & Fall.

EMC:

No report

Fire, Law Enforcement & Emergency

No report

Highway

No report

Historian & LVHS

Historian:

No report

LVHS:

No report

Justice Court

No report

Library

No report

Buildings, Parks & Recreation

Buildings:

No report

Parks:

No report

Recreation Commission:

We had our meeting by Zoom on 7/16, it was the night of the storm, we thought it would be better for everyone the stay at home.

We discussed events going forward, planned the next few paddles, another walk, the movie and who is doing what for the picnic.

We are still looking for picnic face painters

Picnic 8/11
Paddles: 8/19 and 9/7
Newcomers 9/14
MitP 9/15
Movie 9/20
Walks 8/25 and 9/29

Seniors

Office of the Aging is reminding all seniors that the HEAP program will be sending out renewal forms at the end of August. New applications will be opened at the end of September.

The Columbia County Office of the Aging picnic is 9/12/24 at the VFW in Stuyvesant Falls starting at 10 until 2pm. You must register with the Office. They are having a picnic, music, raffles and vendors of services available in the County. The Department of Health is planning on having flu vaccine available.

October starts the renewal for supplemental health insurance. Watch for information from your present insurance company and be aware of Scams. Never give out your personal information to callers. SS, Medicare and Medicaid will not call you and ask for your information.

The OFA survey is being printed and then will be submitted to Nina from the Office of the Aging and then to the Board of Supervisors.

Farmers Market Coupons are being distributed by the Office of the Aging, they have been to New Lebanon and Canaan Seniors programs, if you would like coupons you will need to go to Hudson to get them now.

I was at the Community picnic with a table with information about services for Columbia County.

New Lebanon Seniors have enjoyed their meetings, and the next meeting is 8/16. Everyone enjoyed the trip, which was in July, the next one is next week and the third in September, there is a waiting list for anyone who wants to go. The seniors are collecting school supplies for elementary school. The next bake sale will be Saturday 9/7 in front of Family Dollar.

Traffic Safety

The State Police and Sherriff's Office continue to monitor traffic before and after the events at the Track.

The Sherriff's department has been monitoring the speed on County 9 south, with their speed trailer.

Work continues on the County bridges. The 2024 Emergency Response books have been delivered to the Highway department.

Volunteers

Volunteers needed:

Get ready for the Town of New Lebanon's exciting annual Town Clean-Up Day (aka Dump Day) happening on Saturday, September 7, 2024, from 8 AM to 2 PM!

We're looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help make this event a success. Here's how you can get involved:

1. **Pre-Event Pick-Ups:** Have a truck or a large vehicle? You can make a difference by assisting residents who need help with loading and unloading a day or two before the event. Drive to their homes, help them out, and bring their items to Shatford Park's dumpster area.
2. **Event Day Helpers:** Join us on the big day to help residents unload their vehicles into the dumpsters. Your support will keep things running smoothly and ensure everyone has a great experience!

To sign up, contact the Building Department at BuildingDept@townofnewlebanon.com or call 518-794-8884. Please include your full name, phone number, preferred volunteer role, and availability. Once we hear from you, we'll confirm your details and ask you to complete a volunteer waiver form.

We can't wait to work with you and make Town Clean-Up Day a fantastic community event!

Quality of Life

The committee is working on their comprehensive plan task and should have a draft to the Town Board for review by September or October. Chris Brown, the county housing coordinator, reviewed the Town's zoning from a housing lens and gave a written report which will be reviewed and discussed when the Quality of Life committee and Zoning Re-write committee meet together to look at our zoning through a housing lens. Hopefully that meeting will lead to recommendations for the Town Board to consider that could help make our zoning more housing friendly, with the goal of increasing housing stock in New Lebanon.

Zoning Re-write Committee Update

No report

Community Center/Free Store Update

Free Store:

We couldn't be prouder of our little Free Store. We had over 500 people come through for the month of July. 492 was our official count for the 14 days we had volunteers working and keeping track. We're confident we had over 8 people on the 3 days we had no attendants. Everything is running smoothly and the buzz keeps building. Parents especially love the swapping out of outgrown clothes. It's the hand me down hub of New Lebanon! It's absolutely wonderful and we're proud to be a part of it.

And now, a Free Store Fun Moment:

A woman comes in asking if I knew anyone that needed a two year old refrigerator that they'd have to haul out themselves. I did not so I asked her to make a flyer and I'd hang it up on our free stuff wall. She thought that was perfect and off she went. About 20 minutes later another customer stops in and I asked her if she needed a new fridge. She did! I told her where it was located and she started to laugh. "That's my neighbor!" She gave her a call, they had a good laugh, she claimed her prize and everyone was happy. Another Free Store miracle!

Community Center:

July a little bit slow. Some who I talked to send they were taking their family vacations in July. Also we did not have a community dinner this month. Numbers 75. (Positive note I did mention the community center to several families who attend camp and they did come down afterwards to play.)

Aug 16th Bike Repair Workshop 3pm to 5pm

Aug 29th Our next Community Dinner Taco Night (Girl Scouts to serve food again)

Shaker Preservation Committee

No report

County Update

No report

Depot Committee

No report

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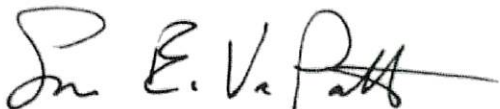
Re: Town of New Lebanon Drinking Water Source Protection Program (DWSP2) Plan

Dear Supervisor Tistrya Houghtling,

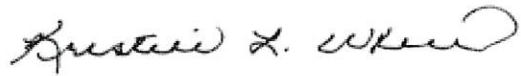
Congratulations! The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and Department of Health (DOH) have reviewed the community public water supply aspects of the Town of New Lebanon Drinking Water Source Protection Program plan completed April 2024 with technical assistance from New York Rural Water Association. The community public water supply aspects of the plan have been accepted, effective 7/22/2024.

The plan was reviewed and accepted for its technical merits and for its completeness with respect to the *Framework for Creating a Drinking Water Source Protection Program Plan*. We encourage communities to actively use, maintain and where possible, improve upon this plan as part of their ongoing source water protection vigilance.

If your community has any questions about the Drinking Water Source Protection Program, you can contact us at: source.water@dec.ny.gov. DEC and DOH distributes a monthly DWSP2 e-newsletter that provides readers with current program information, new resources available, potential funding sources and more. You can sign up by visiting [DEC Delivers](#).



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