

Quality of Life committee, October 25, 2024 Meeting

**PRESENT:** Tistrya Houghtling, Kyle Kuffel, Melba Kurman, Sharon Powers

**Absent:** Josh Young

Meeting called to order: 9:47am. A quorum is present.

**MSC:** To approve the minutes from the July 26 Quality of Life meeting was made by Tistrya Houghtling and seconded by Kyle Kuffel. Motion approved.

Tistrya reported that Danielle Kuffel has resigned from the committee and the Town Board had accepted her resignation. She suggested that each of us try to recruit someone to join the committee since notices don't always get people's attention.

**Comp Plan Task**

Tistrya noted that some of the requested changes had not yet been made and Sharon said she would make them. We discussed if any other edits were necessary. Suggested that we add that the Q of L committee would also work with the CSC and Outreach & Marketing committees. Also any other temporary committee that we could assist.

**MSC:** was made by Tistrya that after the changes were put in, we send a draft with the changes to the Town Board for the November meeting for their review. Seconded by Kyle Kuffel. Motion approved.

**OTHER PROJECTS:**

No update on land for Habitat, nor anything on the proposed Pharmacy. Habitat is ready to build but we cannot find them the land. Any suggestions of land available are welcome.

**ZRC collaboration meeting** – Tistrya will send out an email coordinating dates to meet with them.

**Short-term rentals and the new Governor Hochul rules** – Columbia County has hired someone to handle these. The discussion was about whether or not the Town should opt in for the taxation and enforcement part of this. Tistrya will send Sharon details of this and she will research what other towns are doing in this regard and if it's worth it for New Lebanon to opt-in.

**Local changes in Zoning for short-term rentals** – it was decided to meet with the ZRC first before pursuing anything regarding this so we do not duplicate efforts. Might be worth it to work jointly with them on this – we will put this on hold for now.

Melba brought up noise issues and how we enforce this without a local police department. The only option is to create a new position and hire someone, since the State police will not enforce noise ordinances.

**MSC** to adjourn at 10:30am was made by Tistrya, seconded by Kyle Kuffel.

Next meeting Friday, November 22, at 9:30am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sharon Powers