

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING / PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION –
SIDEWALK PROJECT
THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF NEW LEBANON
HELD ON JANUARY 11, 2025**

Present: Tistrya Houghtling, Supervisor
Joanne Amlaw, Councilmember
Steve Powers, Councilmember
Craig Skerkis, Councilmember

Absent: Elizabeth Kroboth, Councilmember

Recording Secretary: Marsha “Marcie” Robertson, Town Clerk

Others Present: Tony Murad, ZBA Chair & ZRC Member
Josh Young, Planning Board, QOL, Shaker Preservation
Member, & BEDC Chair
Chris Dreyfus, MOW
Peg Munves, CAC Co-Chair
Monte Wasch, Town Justice
Adelia Moore, CSC Member
Sharon Powers, IT Website Support, QOL & ZBA Member
William Shannon, Ethics Board member
Darla Dobert, Deputy Court Clerk
Margaret Robertson, Historic Railroad Depot Comm.
Deborah Gordon, BEDC Member
Stacey Breads, Playground Design Comm.
Beth LaGrange, Playground Design Comm. & SYP Co-
Director
Melba Kurman, Shaker Preservation & Quality of Life
Member
Tom Gerety, Ethics Board Chair & Member
Jim Carroll, Planning Board & ZRC Member
Bob Gilson, CAC & CSC Member
Rae Gilson, BEDC & Shaker Preservation Comm.
Member
Don Adams, Creighton Manning
Members of the Public

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 11:09am by Supervisor Houghtling. The meeting was held in person at the New Lebanon Community Center, 523 US Route 20, New Lebanon, NY 12125. The meeting is being recorded and will be available to view after it has been

loaded onto Town Hall Streams at the following link:
https://townhallstreams.com/towns/new_lebanon_ny.

PUBLIC NOTICE:

**PUBLIC NOTICE
WALKABLE DOWNTOWN PUBLIC INPUT SESSION
TOWN OF NEW LEBANON
COUNTY OF COLUMBIA**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TOWN OF NEW LEBANON will be having **two** Walkable Downtown Public Information Sessions. The first will be held on **Monday, December 30th, 2024 at 6:00pm**. At the Town Hall, 14755 State Route 22, New Lebanon, NY 12125 and live streamed on Town Hall Streams. The second will be held on **Saturday, January 11th, 2025 at 11:00am**. At the NL Community Center, 523 US Route 20, New Lebanon, NY 12125.

Both Public Information Sessions will present the same information and will review the proposed project, details of the **Special Election** scheduled for **January 21st, 2025**, and end with a Q & A session to answer any questions.

If you cannot make one of the meetings in person, the December 30th session can be viewed live at www.townhallstreams.com/towns/new_lebanon_ny and the recording will be available to view after the meeting as well.

Marcie Robertson
New Lebanon Town Clerk
12/11/2024

VIDEO RECORDER:

A motion was made by Supervisor Houghtling to pay up to \$125.00 to Carl Robertson to reimburse for his travel. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Powers.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilmember Powers -	Aye
Councilmember Kroboth -	Absent
Supervisor Houghtling -	Aye
Councilmember Amlaw -	Aye
Councilmember Skerkis -	Aye

SECOND PUBLIC INPUT SESSION – WALKABLE DOWNTOWN:

Supervisor Houghtling welcomed everyone to the second public input session on the walkable downtown project. Supervisor Houghtling gave a brief introduction and history on the project. She reminded everyone that there is a Special Election on January 21st, 2025 from 8:00am to 8:00pm where any registered voter in New Lebanon can vote on

whether the town moves forward with the project or not.

Supervisor Houghtling stated for clarification, this meeting and the vote on January 21st is only about the walkable downtown project. It is not about sewer and water or private developers wanting to build housing in town.

Don Adams from Creighton Manning led the presentation for all in attendance at the meeting. There was a question-and-answer discussion held after the presentation.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Supervisor Houghtling, to adjourn the meeting at 12:46pm. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Skerkis.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilmember Powers -	Aye
Councilmember Kroboth -	Absent
Supervisor Houghtling -	Aye
Councilmember Amlaw -	Aye
Councilmember Skerkis -	Aye

Respectfully submitted,

Marcie Robertson
New Lebanon Town Clerk