

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING ON
INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW #6 OF 2025 (LL#1 OF 2026) CH170-SOLID WASTE
HELD ON JANUARY 13, 2026**

Present: Tistrya Houghtling Supervisor
Joanne Amlaw, Councilmember
Chris Patterson, Councilmember
Steve Powers, Councilmember
Susan Tipograph, Councilmember

Recording Secretary: Marsha “Marcie” Robertson, Town Clerk

Others Present: Peg Munves, CAC Co-Chair
Jim Carroll, Planning Board & ZRC Member
Sharon Powers, IT Website Support, Shaker Preservation
Committee & ZBA Member
Ted Salem, ZBA Member & ZRC Chair
Bruce Shenker, NL Rep to CC Env Mgt Council
Josh Young, Planning Board Member, BEDC & Shaker
Preservation Committee Chair
Mary Young, NL Rep to CC Office for the Aging & Traffic Safety
Elizabeth Brutsch, Planning Board Chair, ZRC & HVAHC Pilot
Committee Member
Members of the Public

CALL TO ORDER:

Supervisor Houghtling called the Public Hearing to order at 6:42pm. The meeting was held in person at the New Lebanon Town Hall, 14755 State Route 22 North, New Lebanon, NY 12125 and live streamed for the public at:

https://townhallstreams.com/towns/new_lebanon_ny

Supervisor Houghtling stated, the proposed local law amends chapter 170, solid waste of the NL Town code to require that refuse containers be placed in a manner that does not obstruct traffic in either direction and placed out no earlier than noon the day before and removed by noon the day after the designated collection day. Violations are subject to a fine no greater than \$100.00. The purpose of this change is to facilitate safe and efficient snow removal and other road maintenance activities.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE:

The reading of the Public Hearing notice was waived but to be entered into the minutes.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW NO. 6 of 2025**

(Chapter 170)
TOWN OF NEW LEBANON
COUNTY OF COLUMBIA

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of New Lebanon on January 13, 2026 at 5:55 p.m. at 14755 Route 22 North, New Lebanon, New York, 12125 regarding the adoption of Introductory Local Law No. 6 of the Town of New Lebanon for the year 2025. Introductory Local Law No. 6 of the Town of New Lebanon for the year 2025 is to amend Chapter 170 to add “Refuse Containers” to the Town Code of the Town of New Lebanon.

Copies of said proposed Local Law are available for review at the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town of New Lebanon, 14755 Route 22 North, New Lebanon, New York, 12125 and the proposed local law can be viewed on the town website at www.townofnewlebanon.com.

Participation by the public will be in person at the New Lebanon Town Hall. Those not attending in person who wish to comment on the proposed local law can email in advance of the meeting to supervisor@townofnewlebanon.com and all comments will be read at the public hearing and entered into the record.

Marcie Robertson
Town of New Lebanon Town Clerk
12/11/2025

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Supervisor Houghtling opened the floor to public comment on the Fire Protection Agreement between the Town of New Lebanon and the Lebanon Valley Protective Association for the 2026 calendar year.

Meg Robertson: Meg spoke regarding other roads concerns; beheading mailboxes, driveways shoveled into plowed roads, commenting that the issues about trash cans is a stretch. Not in favor of the local law.

Sharon Powers: Sharon spoke not in favor of passing the local law.

Mark Baumli: Mark asked what is being amended that is currently in the code. Supervisor Houghtling responded there is nothing currently in the code regarding this concern. He spoke in favor of passing the local law.

Mr. Muadin (Online): Mr. Muadin commented, he would prefer community outreach before implementing the law and if the law is passed to be sure to communicate to the public and to work with the community. He thinks the language of the law should include specifically what

the fines would be, not just up to \$100 and left up to discretion.

PUBLIC COMMENT EMAILS:

Supervisor Houghtling read an email submitted for public comment from Timothy and Josh Mitchell discussing garbage pickup companies, day service provided, enforcement, fines, etc. Supervisor Houghtling responded to some of their questions and concerns.

CLOSING OF PUBLIC HEARING:

All persons desiring to be heard, emails received, a motion was made by Supervisor Houghtling to close the Public Hearing and input, and adjourn the meeting at 6:53pm. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Tipograph.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilmember Powers -	Aye
Councilmember Amlaw -	Aye
Supervisor Houghtling -	Aye
Councilmember Tipograph -	Aye
Councilmember Patterson-	Aye

Respectfully submitted,

Marcie Robertson
New Lebanon Town Clerk