

## **Assessor (Patterson)**

The Tentative Assessment Roll was filed and made available on May 1st. All Assessment Change Notices were also mailed on May 1st. The Town website has been updated with all relevant assessment information, including key dates and instructions for property owners.

Grievance Day is scheduled for May 27th.

As a reminder, we completed an update this year to remain at 100% of market value. Had this update not been completed, the equalization rate would have fallen, which would have resulted in higher full market values for parcels regardless. Completing the update is simply more transparent and easier for taxpayers to understand, as the assessed value directly reflects full market value.

The County's former SDG/Imagemate Online property data website was abruptly shut down without notice, creating significant issues for taxpayers, realtors, attorneys, and others who rely on the system for property information. The County has launched its replacement platform, PROS, and we have been advised that it remains a work in progress.

## **Building Department (Patterson)**

See attached document at the end of the typed committee reports.

## **CAC, Climate Smart & Environmental Management (Powers)**

### **CAC:**

The Conservation Advisory Council (CAC) is Bill O'Neill co-chair, Peg Munves co-chair, Bruce Shenker, Steve Powers, Donald Lamonaca, Sarah Latifa

**Trees For Tribs:** Plants are looking good. Plant moving went well. Tube removal and mulching and staking and stabilizing plants is ongoing through May. Working with Rec committee going well; Joanne Amlaw came to park with her tractor and trailer and did a lot of moving materials around and filling holes. Looking for a few folks who love weed whacking!

**Critical Environmental Area for Bog and the Knob:** High point on Knob is in Canaan so will be a joint effort with Canaan. Brenda Adams, supervisor of Canaan, met with us and we have identified abutters, and key issues to research and consider and will meet again in a couple of months. We will share a contact letter with Brenda and reach out to abutters. Gretchen Stevens has kindly offered to review when we have a draft.

**DWSP2:** DWSP2 specialist at NYSDOH is helping us start sampling of surface water, starting with streams, and working on getting free testing. Earth Justice (the premier

nonprofit public interest environmental law organization) is interested in our water study and water testing. Running low on funds for water testing, no obvious new source of funds; we continue exploring getting financial assistance for ongoing testing.

**Wastewater:** See attached overview for all current relevant information.

**SEQR Training:** Peg attended and said worthwhile – slide deck sent to all CAC members

**OSI:** Robert Gilson will help the CAC soon to complete the update- we want to include the OSI in the new COMP PLAN UPDATE EDUCATION Outreach for NL Summer Campers: CAC is sponsoring 2 programs for summer camp - Sharon Audubon Birds of Prey tentatively July 23 (depending on trained available animals) and the Columbia County Soil and Water Conservation in Ghent brings fun with Animal Olympics on July 28 High School Proposal/Camp Idea: Sarah will approach High school environmental club/class and summer camp to do a program on replacing invasives with native plants; also seed starting workshop

**ZRC - COMP PLAN:** We are looking over 2021 Goals to update status and thinking about what CAC might bring to the committee to include for new update and future goals

### **CSC:**

In celebration of Earth Day, the Climate Smart Task Force hosted a screening of an award-winning film, Microplastic Madness which highlighted, through the eyes of children, the extent of plastic in our lives and bodies. After a lively discussion, flyers were distributed which can be found here under plastic recycling:  
<https://townofnewlebanonny.gov/csc/>

Our annual Roadside Cleanup was held the following week. Volunteers collected as many as 20 bags of trash, which the DOT picked up the following week. The LVPA was kind enough to send two vehicles with flashing lights to protect the cleanup crew from inattentive speeders. Before the cleanup, volunteers planted a 10ft Northern Red Oak tree that the Columbia County Soil and Water Conservation District donated to each town in the county to celebrate Earth Day/Arbor Day. It was planted near the pavilion in the location where a tree died a few years ago.

On May 16th, the CSC Bike Guys will host a bike tune-up day from 10am-2pm in Shatford Park at the Pavilion. Bring your bike for a brake tune-up or any other minor issues to ensure it's in top shape before you hit the road this Summer! New Lebanon was chosen to participate in a 3-day Land Use Leadership Alliance training which helped identify vulnerable areas in town. A resilience Implementation & Strategic Enhancements assessment report was produced which will assist in preparing the Comprehensive Plan. Planning Board Chair Elizabeth Brutsch, CAC member Donald Lamonaca and CSC Chair Steve Powers are attending the training.

The Level 2 EV charger paid for with NYSEERDA grant funds was finally installed at the Community Center. EV drivers have already charged their vehicles and commented on its ease of use.

## **EMC:**

Michael O'Hara who was EMC chair has resigned so that position is open

EMC has produced a newsletter with projects and reports from various towns. I have passed this on and hope it can be posted on New Lebanon website

**Rabies Clinic-** May 30th Hudson High 10am-12pm- all county residents. Drive-Thur. Must Pre-Register: QR code online at website -or call the DOH office (518)-828-3358. Make sure the flyers are available to the community.

~~**Accident on Route 23- 5/16/2026-** DOH Not notified, usually DEC notifies, 911 also notifies. DEC spill mitigation 4,500-5,000 gallons of gasoline and diesel into the storm drains near the accident. The stormdrains go into the Taghkanic Creek. Miller Environmental have been vacuum it out of the creek. The dam contained it near the Parker House.~~

Groundwater is about 10 ft deep, went to businesses and homes to give them knowledge. The direction travel will determine where contaminates will go. Contractor uses a PID petroleum detector (ppm) while excavating to determine the extent of the contaminated soil, to the east past Random Harvest. They don't think it got into the feeder creek east of Random Harvest. One building had received vapors in the sump, so they are vacuuming to back out. All stores and wells in the vicinity have been sampled and DEC will determine the scheduling of well sampling.

Air monitoring is happening while excavating to make sure ambient levels are unsafe.

Cara had spoke with Tara about EMC assistance. Putting together a document about how spill response happens for the residents. Mary said that she had spoken to DEC about a private well.

State DEC will be arranging a public outreach for the community. Thursday April 30th at THCS. Also DOT will be there about the intersection and a light.

## **Fire, Law Enforcement, Emergency (Powers)**

No report,

## **Historian & LVHS (Amlaw)**

**Historian:**

No report.

**LVHS:**

On Sunday, 24 May, the day before Memorial Day is celebrated this year, former Town Historian Kevin Fuerst will present a program honoring the role the Mohicans played in

supporting the American Colonists in battle before and during the Revolution, often with heavy losses, and continuing to serve with distinction in the United States military in all the conflicts of the 19th, 20th and 21st centuries. We'll meet in the Town Hall at 2pm and light refreshments will be served.

Phyllis Chapman, last seen in these parts as Eleanor Roosevelt, will now bring an earlier period to life and address the role of women in the American Revolution by recreating historical figures whose contributions were vital to the war effort. This program is scheduled for Sunday, 21 June at 2pm at the Town Hall and light refreshments will be served.

An old-fashioned Patriotic Picnic will celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence on Sunday, the 5th of July at the Pavilion in Shatford Park. Wally Stock will offer a selection of patriotic songs and marches from his extensive archive and provide background on the music and the vintage equipment he will be using to bring it back to life. The festivities will begin around noon and feature free hot dogs, hamburgers and soft drinks. Attendees are encouraged to bring a side dish or dessert to share. Collectors should feel free to bring a favorite old recording or two to spin for the crowd and a variety of activities will be available for younger picnickers.

## **Shaker Preservation (Tipograph)**

No report.

## **Library (Amlaw)**

No report.

## **Buildings, Parks & Recreation (Patterson)**

### **Buildings:**

The highway garage repair work continues as a result of this winter fire. The community center bathrooms are getting a fresh coat of paint.

### **Parks:**

Debris was removed from the woods behind the ball fields.

There is a new bridge over the stream by the pavilion.

There is a small amount of carpentry work remaining on the skatepark, and a portion of the ramps have now been sealed to keep out moisture.

The vandalism damages to the tennis court bathrooms are now repaired and the bathrooms are open during the day to the public.

The contractor hired by the town, for the playground improvements, was having difficulty sourcing the fall tiles for the playground surface. The great news is that now, instead, they will be installing the superior poured in place surface material, for no change in cost! This upgrade is roughly a \$40,000 value! Not only will we now be getting the upgraded surface, but the contractor will also be building the portion of the walking path, from the playground to the gazebo, again while staying within our agreed upon budget. Most importantly, the contractor remains confident that the playground improvements will be completed before the start of the Summer Youth Program! If the weather cooperates, the tentative start date for the playground construction is May 18th.

**Recreation Commission:**

Little League has begun in the park. The Recreation Commission painted the community center bathrooms and has been doing some tree care, mulching and weed whacking in the park.

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**Community Center & Events Committee (Tipograph)**

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**Community Center:**

Community Center Committee Report April 2026:

Rental 1	40
Rental 2	50
Rental 3	50
Rental 4	35
Seniors (1)	85
Jam (2)	23
Seed Workshop	30
Spill the Tea (Rotary event)	12
Dance Exercise for Seniors(4)	12
Tai Chi (3)	36
Yoga (2)	25
Iyengar Yoga(1)	13
Game Room sign ins	184
Free Store	745

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Total	1340
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Total Rental Revenue	\$600
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Columbia Kitchen Meals	325
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We'd like to thank Blaine Darcy and MRB Darcy Dirtwork for hosting and donating all of the supplies for our 3rd Annual Seed Workshop. 30 enthusiastic gardeners came out on a rainy Sunday morning (we held it indoors) to start their seedlings and enjoy good company.

The Northern Columbia County Rotary held a crafting afternoon called, "Spill the Tea" where a dozen people came in to knit and crochet while sipping tea and getting to know

each other. It was a very nice turnout and we hope to host more events with the Rotary in the future.

Iyengar Yoga, Tai Chi and Dance Exercise for Seniors all started this month. Thank you to Anna Claude, Kris Cottom, and Trina Porte for volunteering their time to offer these classes free of charge to the community.

The EV Chargers were installed this month. They are located off of the Free Store garage doors.

We now offer compost drop off times on Sundays 11-2 and Wednesdays 2-5:30. The bucket is located outside to the right of the main entrance.

### **Events Committee:**

The Community Events Committee met on 4/21.  
We're busy planning the year's events.

In May, we have three events, all in the last week.

On Tuesday, May 26th at 5PM we have the High School Music in the Park with the High School band, 2 Year Delay.  
We'll have a local food truck, Ryan's Famous Pizza, selling dinner.

On Saturday, May 30th, 2-4 we have a Newcomer's event at Roaring 20's.  
Complimentary snacks will be served.  
Please RSVP to [NLEventsChair@gmail.com](mailto:NLEventsChair@gmail.com)

On Sunday, May 31, we have a Bog Paddle on a private waterway.  
Please RSVP to [NLEventsChair@gmail.com](mailto:NLEventsChair@gmail.com)  
Space is limited. Some boats are available to be borrowed for the event.

We have an opening on the committee.

I've reached out to a few people to see if I can find someone to take Joe Ogilvie's spot. If you are interested in joining this committee or for more information about what the committee does, reach out to Abbie at [NLEventsChair@gmail.com](mailto:NLEventsChair@gmail.com)

## **Seniors (Tipograph)**

Summer is coming and with it lots of activities. The senior centers are enjoying new activities in each center and lots of information about Substance Abuse, disaster preparedness, Medicare updates, Snap benefits and forums about caregivers. The Respite center in Canaan is open every Friday at the Congregational church, contact the Office for the Aging for an application.

The Lebanon Valley Seniors recently enjoyed a fun afternoon of visiting with friends and planning for the summer. Our plans include a preview of the New Lebanon Central

spring choir program, participation in the Memorial Day parade, a celebration of the veterans in our lives, a celebration of our 250 years for our country and a summer picnic. We meet on the first and third Friday of the month and if you are 55 or older you are welcome to join us.

## **Traffic Safety (Patterson)**

As you see, the State has started the prep work for resurfacing and updating Route 22 north from the intersection of Rt 20 and 22 to the Rensselaer County line, the actual work will begin around 5/29. Please follow the signs and flaggers as you travel north and south. Any questions or concerns can be directed to the Supervisor as she has the contact information.

Other bridge and road work has been started in the County, watch for signs and detours.

The rail trails are getting busier with walkers and bicycles. Watch out at intersections as you are driving or using the trails.

## **Outreach & Marketing & Communications Committee (Tipograph)**

The Outreach, Marketing & Communications Committee has rescheduled its first Community Forum to May 21, 2026 at the Community Center at 7:00pm. The forum would appreciate it if available Town Board members will be able to attend this special Town Board meeting that will be moderated by our committee. It also hopes that other board chairs and committee chairs will considering attending so they may factually answer any questions that may arise from the public attending. We encourage Town residents to attend. Questions may be asked via onsite microphones or through provided index cards. Those who cannot attend and wish to have their questions read may send their questions to [newlebweb@gmail.com](mailto:newlebweb@gmail.com). Please limit questions to two or three sentences that can fit on an index card. The Community Center forum will be live streamed on Google Meets <https://meet.google.com/ikn-jhmo-cvw> and then available on Town Hall Streams within 72 hours of the meeting.

We appreciate everyone's patience and support as we endeavor to create a safe and respectful space for people to get answers to questions and concerns.

## **Zoning Re-write Committee (Powers & Amlaw)**

ZRC/Comp Plan Committee  
Monthly Report - May 2026

Only one person submitted a letter of interest to join the committee, JoAnna Phillips. She's been invited to the May meeting of the committee. The committee's recommendation will be made for your board's June meeting.

An additional six handwritten surveys were discovered by a member. These were submitted on time so will be included in the results. This brings the total number of submitted surveys to 273.

The committee is reviewing the AI summaries of the open-ended comments. I anticipate that the survey result summaries and tabulations of the fixed choice questions will be approved at the committee's May meeting and will be made available for public review shortly thereafter. Members will outreach to various community groups to request a meeting following that release.

## **Walkable Downtown Committee (Powers & Houghtling)**

Meeting Notes – Meeting Held Online on April 28, 2026

### Attendees:

Steve Powers  
Tony Murad  
Tara Jacobsen  
Nancy Eos  
Don Adams  
Jared Anderson

### Discussion:

- The meeting began at approximately 6:35 PM.
- Jared introduced new committee members – Tara and Nancy!
- To bring Tara and Nancy up to speed, Jared spent some time reviewing the project history, scope, and progress to date, closely following the minutes of the March 2026 meeting.
- Tara noted her desire to join the committee was based on her support of walkability, accessibility and community identity coming from living in a city environment.
- Nancy noted she wanted to help and wants to contribute to the Town's efforts.
- RRFB's were discussed related to the mid-block crossings. They were not part of the preliminary estimate, but their cost would be covered in the contingency, particularly in the new TAP project. They are typically \$20,000-\$30,000 per unit, and certain pedestrian volume thresholds are utilized by NYSDOT to justify their installation. This can become part of future committee discussions. Steve noted he favored their installation and pointed out their effectiveness in nearby Hancock, MA.
- Pedestrian refuge islands in the center turn lane were requested for the mid-block crossings at the time of project kick-off with NYSDOT.
- It was reiterated that the plan in lieu of not receiving TAP funding this round is to use concrete for the sidewalks but minimize movement of the curbing toward the center of the road. The sacrifice to be able to afford concrete vs stone dust is leaving as much curb where it is, thereby minimizing the need to construct new curbs and modify the drainage system. By not moving the curbs, shoulder widths may become inconsistent to ensure the proposed work fits in the State right-of-way.

- It was also discussed that in the event of a TAP award, the Town's application stated that the funding match would not exceed \$500,000 in anticipation of DOT contributing funding toward the project.
  - To expand the project length for environmental and historic/cultural studies in anticipation of receiving a TAP award in the Fall, and minimizing rework, NYSDOT requested a scope change letter requesting extension of the project to Shafford Park. This will allow NYSDOT to study the anticipated future, longer project now.
  - DOT also requested typical sections, mid-block crossing locations and accompanying sight distances, and concept level plans so they may begin internal discussions on reducing lane widths to 11' and the proposed mid-block crossing locations.
  - The DOT deliverables should be ready for mid-May.
  - The next meeting date of May 26 will be held for the time being.
  - The meeting concluded at approximately 7:25 PM.
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Year to Date (05.07.26) - Building Dept. Intake activity

Permit number	Municipal address	Property ID	Category	Work type	Work target	Applicant	Owner	Status	Submitted date
Z-2026-001	36 OLD ROUTE 20	104800-20-1-5	Zoning	New	Change of use	Emily Gamble	Michael Patten	In review	1/6/26
CO-2026-001	703 US ROUTE 20	104800-19-4-1-2	Records Search Fire Safety/PMC			Lawrence E. Howard, Esq		Re-Issue permit	1/13/26
A-2026-001	438 US ROUTE 20	104800-19-2-1-43	Fire Safety/PMC	Annual	Commercial Buildings	Delores Meissner	Delores Meissner	Permit issued	1/15/26
A-2026-002	94/101/102 DARROW	104800-29-1-1-17	Fire Safety/PMC	Annual	Commercial Buildings	John Pellerin	John Pellerin	Permit issued	1/15/26
NR-2026-003	684 US ROUTE 20	104800-19-1-1-39.3	Fire Safety/PMC	Non-residential		Chuck Gerald	Chuck Gerald	Permit issued	1/15/26
MHP-2026-001	1089-1116 US ROUTE 20	104800-8-2-45	Mobile Home Park	Renewal		Amy Kroboth	Amy Kroboth	Submitted	1/21/26
MHP-2026-002	WINSLOW	104800-8-1-9-200	Mobile Home Park	Renewal		Kristin Northrop	Kristin Northrop	Submitted	1/21/26
NR-2026-004	492 US ROUTE 20	104800-19-2-1-48	Inspection	Non-residential		Michael Carey	Michael Carey	Finished	1/29/26
BP-2026-005	14780 STATE ROUTE 22	104800-10-3-1-20	Heating/Cooling	New	Generator	T. Webber	Richard Mayer	Permit issued	2/3/26
BP-2026-006	523 US ROUTE 20	104800-19-2-1-56	Other structures	New	Other	Nicholas Conveny	Tristya Houghtling	Permit issued	2/11/26
CO-2026-002	126 TEMPLE	104800-9-1-29.220	Records Search			Jessica Iannace		Permit issued	3/3/26
BP-2026-007	123 CEMETERY	104800-19-1-11.1	Accessory structures	New	Pole Barn	Wendy Wu	Wendy Wu	Permit issued	3/12/26
BP-2026-008	5A	104800-2-1-5	Residential building	Remodel	Single-family dwelling	Robert McKeever	Robert McKeever	Permit issued	3/12/26
BP-2026-009	94/101/102 DARROW	104800-29-1-1-17	Institutional building	New	Other	Trustees Board	Trustees Board	In review	3/17/26
BP-2026-010	118 DERMODY	104800-29-1-1	Residential building	Re-roof	Single-family dwelling	Robert Phelps	Dolan Kevin	Permit issued	3/25/26
BP-2026-011	38 ADAMS	104800-8-2-25	Residential building	Remodel	Single-family dwelling	Ryan Link	Ryan Link	Permit issued	3/25/26
CO-2026-003	33 DERMODY	104800-29-1-25	Records Search			Talia Spierer		Permit issued	3/25/26
Z-2026-002	94 LOVERS LN	104800-19-2-1-7	Zoning	New	Fence	Mark Baumli	Mark Baumli	Permit issued	3/25/26
BP-2026-012	2093 COUNTY ROUTE 5	104800-28-1-57	Residential building	Addition	Single-family dwelling	Gaston Robert	Lindsay Robert	Construction started	3/27/26
BP-2026-013	538 US ROUTE 20	104800-18-1-69	Driveway	New	Other	Josh Young	Josh Young	Permit issued	3/30/26
Z-2026-003	954 US ROUTE 20	104800-18-1-1	Zoning	New	Home Based Business	Hunter Metzler	Hunter Metzler	Submitted	4/2/26
BP-2026-014	1 BEACON HILL	104800-28-1-29.3	Residential building	Remodel	Single-family dwelling	Francis & Jennifer Lindop	Francis & Jennifer Lindop	Permit issued	4/2/26
MF-2026-015	1605 US ROUTE 20	104800-7-2-22	Fire Safety/PMC	Multi family dwelling		Bill Black	Bill Black	Submitted	4/6/26
MF-2026-016	1606 US ROUTE 20	104800-7-2-17	Inspection			Bill Black	Bill Black	Submitted	4/6/26
BP-2026-017	954 US ROUTE 20	104800-18-1-1	Residential building	New	Single-family dwelling	Hunter Metzler	Hunter Metzler	In review	4/7/26
CO-2026-004	3687 COUNTY ROUTE 9	104800-17-1-31.200	Records Search			Jessica Lannace		Permit issued	4/13/26
BP-2026-018	WINSLOW	8-1-9-200	Accessory structures	New	Deck	Peter Bidwell	Kristin Northrop	Permit issued	4/30/26
BP-2026-019	611 US ROUTE 20	104800-19-4-1-16	Residential building	Re-roof	Single-family dwelling	Angie Stalker	Angie Stalker	Permit issued	4/30/26
OP-2026-020	565 US ROUTE 20	19-4-1-26	Operating Permit	New	Mobile food preparation vehicle	Kari Murad	Kari Murad	Permit issued	4/30/26
A-2026-021	550 US ROUTE 20	19-2-1-73	Fire Safety/PMC	Annual	Commercial Buildings	Michelle Hoffman	Michelle Hoffman	Submitted	4/30/26
A-2026-022	501 US ROUTE 20	19-2-1-51	Fire Safety/PMC	Annual	Commercial Buildings	Shho Xihng Wu	Lori Bashour	Submitted	4/30/26
A-2026-023	516 US ROUTE 20	19-2-1-58.200	Fire Safety/PMC	Annual	Commercial Buildings	Marylee Godfrey	Michael Carey	Submitted	4/30/26
A-2026-024	194 DARROW	30-1-9-100	Inspection	Annual	Commercial Buildings	Jerome Sherda	Jerome Sherda	Submitted	4/30/26
NR-2026-025	1232 US ROUTE 20	104800-8-2-36.200	Fire Safety/PMC	Non-residential		Harry Hicks	Harry Hicks	Submitted	4/30/26
MF-2026-026	14004 STATE ROUTE 22	104800-29-1-53	Inspection	Multi family dwelling		Patricia Joseph	Patricia Joseph	Submitted	4/30/26



# Municipal Wastewater in Downtown New Lebanon

*Prepared by the New Lebanon Conservation Advisory Council • May 2026*

This brief memo is intended to serve as a helpful overview of a potential wastewater system in New Lebanon.

**Health & safety** — There are septic systems that are inadequate and failing in our downtown business district. This contributes to the current reality that it is unsafe for a significant number of downtown residents to drink their tap water. It also subjects the aquifer, the swamp, and the Wyomanock to elevated risk.

**Business & economic development** — Connecting to a municipal sewer system would enable existing businesses to become more sustainable by lowering their operating expenses.

Meantime, new businesses, like a laundromat, could begin.

**Engineering & operations** — The system could be viable while serving a relatively small number of properties along Route 20, as indicated in the forthcoming feasibility study prepared by Lamont Engineers.

- This system would leave solid waste in a septic tank on each property, and the district would be responsible for maintaining and pumping those tanks.
- The system would use small-diameter pipes to carry effluent to the Brownfield at the old Bouchard junkyard to be processed via leach field.

**Finances** — None of the costs for this system would come from the Town's general funds. Private property owners and grants would cover all costs, and only the properties that connect would be responsible for these costs. There are two types of cost: debt service from design and construction on the one hand and ongoing operations and maintenance on the other.

- Overall design and construction costs are estimated to be \$5–6 million in total.
  - Utilizing NYS and other grants the project is anticipating roughly 70–80% of this total upfront cost, and NYS could offer low- or no-interest loans for the balance.
  - Therefore total debt service is estimated to be \$35,000–45,000 annually.
  - Each property would be responsible for an amount proportional to its estimated usage.
- O&M is estimated to be \$40,000 annually.
  - It includes everything from administration through maintenance to equipment replacement.
  - Each property that's connected to the system would be responsible for an amount proportional to its estimated usage.
- Tilden Commons would likely cover roughly half the total annual cost of the system.

- As a result, a property with a typical single-family residence would likely pay an annual total of \$800–1000. The exact number depends on a number of technical factors, especially which other properties decide to connect to the system.
- Most properties with a business would pay more, depending on estimated usage.

**Legal process and background** — The Town would be represented in this process by Hodgson Russ.

- Properties that connect to the sewer system would cover 100% of the costs of the system.
  - Our plan is to collect a signature on a petition from every property owner that wants to connect to the system.
  - Signing the petition means agreeing to pay a “not to exceed” amount — and then the system would ultimately go forward if, and only if, these numbers work out.
- Properties that do not connect to the system will not pay a penny for it.
  - However, some properties that do *not* connect may need to be in the district. That’s because State law requires that properties in a district must be contiguous. There can be no “missing teeth” in a district.
  - Properties that wait to connect at a later date would likely pay a fee to do so.
- As background, State law has several requirements for a proper petition.
  - A majority of assessment-weighted owners must sign. A majority of owner-residents must sign. And all of these signatures must be notarized.
  - This group of requirements acts as a limit on the number of properties that can be in the district but not connect.
- At its June meeting, the Town Board would receive the petition, form a sewer district, and handle SEQR.
  - The Town is lead agency for SEQR, having made that declaration in Feb 2025.
  - Lamont Engineers and Hodgson Russ will support this process, with Lamont Engineers leading the TB through the SEQR questions.
- At its July meeting, the Town Board would pass a bond resolution and would authorize grant applications, including one to the State’s Environmental Facilities Corporation.
  - Lamont Engineers would do the work to submit any grant applications at no cost to the Town.
  - Creating the district and passing a bond resolution are required to apply for State grant funding, but doing so absolutely does NOT commit the Town to proceeding with the construction of the system.
  - Rather, the system would go forward if, and only if, the Town receives all the grant funding necessary to meet everyone’s “not to exceed” costs.