

MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
FOR TOWN OF NEW LEBANON
HELD ON April 3, 2023 at TOWN HALL

Present: Rochelle Dire, Silke Fuchshofen, Rae Gilson, Deb Gordon, Chris Jansson, Danielle Kuffel, Sharon Powers, Eileen Raab, Becky Segal, Monte Wasch , Josh Young (11 total)

Not present: Steve Abramson, Chuck Geraldi, Tistrya Houghtling, Mitch Kelleher, Jack Lancto, Erminia Rasmussen (6 total)

A quorum was present.

Guest: Peg Munves

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 by Josh Young. Everyone introduced themselves so new people could get acquainted.

MSC: to vote on the minutes from the March 6, 2023, meeting was made with one change suggested by Rae Gilson, to add the name of the non-profit, the Lebanon Valley Community Corporation (LVCC) was made by Monte Wasch and seconded by Danielle Kuffel. Motion approved.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Outreach and Marketing – presented by Sharon Powers

Sharon showed a draft copy of the Food Mailer in color and explained that the subcommittee was requesting that the BEDC add the second mailer's budget to the first so we could print it in color. If there was any money left over, they would try to do a second mailer, but at this time, no plans to do the second mailer.

MSC: to print the food brochure in color and move budgeted money from second mailer to first was made by Sharon Powers and seconded by Chris Jansson. Motion approved.

Sharon also said that we are still working on a location for the community bulletin board and had not yet heard back from Michael Carey. Chris said he would try to ask him on our behalf.

Wastewater – presented by Josh Young

The Town published an RFQ and the group met today with 3 large and 1 small engineering firm. They are still hoping to get a grant for a feasibility study – need an engineering report before that. Hope to get proposals from those they met with within a week. The Town Board will ultimately choose from the proposals.

Water testing: people are interested in getting their water tested. Town has an account with a good water testing place. They are testing for E Coli, coliform & nitrates which show effluvia from septic - this is what wastewater system people want to see. We can apply for a grant for feasibility study without having a firm chosen in advance.

Childcare Subcommittee – presented by Eileen Raab

Located a possible site at Darrow and now need to get Darrow Board approval and certification from New York State, but this is very promising. It is the Buttery by the dairy barn.

Remote Work Subcommittee – presented by Eileen Raab and Becky Segal

The survey has only gone out through the Farmers Market newsletter and they have received 19 responses – half of whom do not live in New Lebanon. Most people responded that they need occasional use only, but the uses were all over the map. They hope to send this out through the Town channels soon.

Other Discussion

Rae Gilson wants to have a Thursday social evening again – targeted April 13, from 5-7pm at M & M's, though it was pointed out that Thursdays there are quite busy. Might move it back to Roaring 20s. Rae will pick a time, date and location and get back to us.

Motion to adjourn at 7:38 made by Monte Wasch and seconded by Chris Jansson.

Next meeting: May 1, 2023 at 6:30pm

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Powers