

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

Present: Deb Gordon, Rae Gilson, Sharon Powers, Erminia Rasmussen, Becky Segal, Josh Young, Monte Wasch (7 total)

Not present: Steve Abramson, Silke Fuchshofen, Chuck Geraldi, Deb Gordon, Tistrya Houghtling, Chris Jansson, Mitch Kelleher, Danielle Kuffel, Jack Lancto, Eileen Raab (10 total)

A quorum was NOT present.

Guest: Peg Munves

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 by Josh Young who noted that a quorum was not present and no official votes could be taken. He mentioned that he would try to resolve the issue of members on the committee never coming to meetings and will try to get resignation letters from them.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Outreach and Marketing – presented by Erminia Rasmussen

The subcommittee put together more welcome packets. Twenty have already been delivered and they are constantly updating the list with new arrivals to town. Also updating the business directory as needed.

Business Social

Josh will send out two more notices of the upcoming business social at Roaring 20's. Hope to have a good turnout. Next one is scheduled for September 21 and they will need a new poster once a location is decided – might consider having this at Woodlife.

Wastewater – presented by Josh Young

Group has negotiated an agreement to present to the Town Board. The engineer, Lamont, has thrown in an evaluation for the high school for no more money. Want to get this study done to pay for a future grant. Only cost might be in digging a hole where the septic might go for testing. All grant writing is being done for free. If this feasibility study grant is gotten, can apply next year for the next funding steps. Would like to create a sewer district.

Water testing has begun by Peg Munves and Donald Lamonaca, who were trained on taking water samples. They already did some homes and need to test people who live in the proposed sewer district. Next steps is that the Town attorney gets the agreement and the Town Board votes on it. Going to try for two grants: Environmental Studies Grant and Empire State Development Grant. Will present all at the June 13th Town Board meeting.

Remote Work Subcommittee – presented by Becky Segal

Committee will be meeting with 15 people at the library on May 21, from 5-7, who indicated they were interested to come up with solutions for the varying needs of those who took the survey.

Meeting adjourned at 6:57 by Erminia Rasmussen and seconded by Josh Young.

Next meeting: July 3 at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted, Sharon Powers