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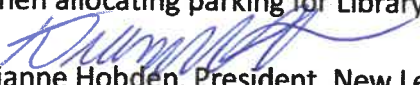
**The Trustees of the New Lebanon Library are committed to maintaining access to the Library and Library programs for all our patrons. We feel strongly that the Library plays a vital role in any, and specifically our rural community - as a gathering place, a place for learning, sharing resources, and building community. We look forward to and support the efforts that will bring more people into our Library.**

New Lebanon has no public transportation. While there are some individuals within walking distance of the Library most of our patrons have to drive to and park at or near the Library. Parking is limited to four open and on disability space. This is sufficient for normal business but not for our popular events.

The Library holds 6-10 events per month. Overflow parking is needed for these events. The Library is not authorized to use spaces held by the former post office (554 Route 20) or next to the apartment building (7 Tilden Rd.) The unmarked parking spaces along the north side of Tilden Lane and in the (former) Tilden Plaza are currently the only authorized overflow parking areas.

According to the project plans Tilden Lane will be widened by 2' on either side to accommodate the trucks supplying the store. There are no parking spaces along the Tilden Lane side of the building. All parking has been moved behind the building and along the northern edge of the building. It is unclear whether parking, currently allowed on Tilden Lane, will be allowed after completion of the project. This effectively limits Library parking to the few spaces in front of the Library.

The Trustees of the New Lebanon Library respectfully request that the Tilden Commons Project work with the Planning Board to preserve parking along Tilden Lane and allow parking in the Tilden Commons Project for Library Event parking. We also ask that the Project and Planning Board consider the needs of our elderly and disabled patrons when allocating parking for Library events.

  
Dianne Hobden, President, New Lebanon Library Board of Trustees

cc: Tistrya Hotaling