

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF
THE PROPOSED PRIVATE SALE OF 16 LOVER'S LANE, NEW LEBANON, NY
(TAX MAP NO. 19.2-1-17) TO THE CORKSCREW RAIL TRAIL
HELD ON MAY 17, 2018**

Present: Colleen Teal, Supervisor
Norman Rasmussen, Councilmember
Jesse Newton, Councilmember
Kevin Smith Sr., Councilmember
Mark Maurali, Councilmember

Recording Secretary: Tistrya Houghtling, Town Clerk

Others Present: Cynthia Creech, Court Clerk & CAC Member
Jeff Winestock, Highway Superintendent
Jeannine Tonetti, ZBA Member & Ethics Board Member
Bruce Shenker, NL Rep to CC Enviro Mgt Council
Peg Munves, CAC & ZRC Member
Joe Ogilvie, Recreation Commission Member & President
of the Corkscrew Rail Trail
Craig Westcott, CAC Member
Greg Hanna, Planning Board & ZRC Member
Ed Godfroy, LVPA Member
Doug Banker, Deputy Supervisor
Judy Zimmer, NL Rep to CC Office for the Aging
Thaddeus Flint, Reporter for *The Eastwick Press*
Several members of the public

CALL TO ORDER:

Supervisor Teal called the public hearing to order at 6:30 p.m.

PROOF OF PUBLICATION AND POSTING:

Town Clerk Houghtling read aloud the public notice as follows:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
OF THE TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF NEW LEBANON
COUNTY OF COLUMBIA

**PROPOSED PRIVATE SALE OF 16 LOVER'S LANE, NEW LEBANON, NY
(TAX MAP NO. 19.2-1-17) TO THE CORKSCREW RAIL TRAIL**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the New Lebanon Town Board has scheduled a public hearing to receive input on the proposed private sale by Columbia County of the property located at 16 Lover's Lane, New Lebanon, New York (Tax Map No. 19.2-1-17) to the Corkscrew Rail Trail rather than putting said property up for sale through the tax foreclosure bidding process.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the public hearing upon said proposed private sale will be held on the 17th day of May 2018, at 6:30 p.m. at the New Lebanon Firehouse,

523 Route 20, New Lebanon, NY and that an opportunity to be heard will be given to those favoring or opposing the private sale of said property.

OPENING STATEMENT:

Supervisor Teal read the following statement aloud:

For the opening statement, I will give a summary of the issue:

The property known as 16 Lover's Lane is in arrears in property taxes; the County had placed it on the auction block as a tax foreclosure with a minimum bid of \$500. They received a written request from the Corkscrew Rail Trail to take it off the auction block and sell it to them for the minimum bid price of \$500. The County Government Committee had inspected the property and had concerns about the condition of the property, the value of the property for any other use, and they noted the known economic value of rail trails. They voted unanimously to take the property out of the foreclosure auction and to sell the property to the Corkscrew Rail Trail.

Concerns were voiced about this action and the County offered the Town the opportunity to gather community input. That is a somewhat simplified version of events but that is why we are here tonight.

The County is the only governmental entity with legal rights on this property. After this hearing, the Town Board will decide at the June 12th Town Board meeting what their recommendation to the County Board of Supervisors will be. (BOS July 11th)

Before we begin taking public comments, I want to go over the protocol for tonight's hearing:

1. I want to make it very clear that I expect courteous and professional behavior from everyone. Everyone that wishes to address the board will be given an opportunity to speak.
2. When it is your turn to speak, please address your comments to the Town Board – please clearly state your name and whether you are in support of, opposed to, or undecided on the private sale of the property located at 16 Lover's Lane to the Corkscrew Rail Trail. All comments shall be restricted to the specific subject of the Public Hearing as advertised;
3. While someone is speaking, please do not be disrespectful or rude – if you are, you will be asked to stop; if you continue, you will be asked to leave.

4. We will begin with those who have signed up to speak; after we have gone through the sign-in list, I will ask if anyone else wishes to address the board.
5. Speakers will be limited to 3 minutes.
6. Everyone will be allowed to speak once. After everyone has had the opportunity to speak, you may be allowed to speak a second time only *if* you have something to add that you did not express in your first statement or you have changed your opinion. If second opportunities to speak are allowed, they will be limited to 2 minutes.
7. Please note, your attendance tonight cannot stand for your support or opposition; if you have not spoken but a document has been submitted with your signature on it, your opinion is part of the record and will be counted; but if you have not spoken nor submitted anything – either previously or tonight - and you want to be on the record - you do not need to make a long statement or even give a reason, but you must at least provide your name and either say “for” or “against” for your opinion to be counted.

Supervisor Teal submitted two packets to the Town Clerk for inclusion in the Public Hearing record, one a 27 page document of letters and petitions and one a 6 page document of letters and petitions. See attachment A.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The following persons spoke in favor of Columbia County selling the property at 16 Lover's Lane (Tax Map No. 19.2-1-17) via a private sale to The Corkscrew Rail Trail:

Joe Ogilvie (2 documents submitted, 2 pages each – see attachment B)
Kathy Duhon
Terrienne Koeppe – stated she is also speaking in support for her husband John Koeppe (1 page document submitted – see attachment B)
Irene Hanna
Monte Wasch
Peg Munves (2 page document submitted – see attachment B)
Anna Duhon
John Dax
Bruce Shenker (2 documents submitted, 2 pages each – see attachment B)
Erminia Rasmussen
Fiona Lally (1 page document submitted – see attachment B)
Helen Burton
Tod Houghtlin
Steven Axelrod

Tricia Rosen – stated she is also speaking in support for her husband Jeff Rosen who could not attend
Adelia Moore
Tom Gerety (2 page document submitted via email after PH – requested to be entered into record – see attachment B)
Jeannine Tonetti
Millicent Smith (1 page document submitted – see attachment B)
Paul Rix
Josephine Ogilvie
Jagat Pandey
Joanie Seakwood
Cynthia Creech
Linda Hursa (1 page document submitted – see attachment B)
Debby Gordon (1 page document submitted – see attachment B)
Phoebe Young
Pat Liddle
Martin Helmer
Brenda Adams
Marcia Mayper
Ginger Delano
Christine Vanderlan of the CLC
Judy Zimmer
Dorothy Dooren
Craig Westcott (2 page document submitted – see attachment B)
John Adams
Barbara Chasen
Eileen Raab
Vivian Steinberg
Meg Galeucia
Katherine Levitan
Joyce Baum
Silka Fuchshofen
Stewart Raab
Mark Wohlcroft
Evan Thaller-Null
Paul St. Germain
Gregg Hanna
Matthew Pelligrino
Mark Jonathan Kosgolove
Diane Sheldon
Doug Banker
Chelsea Vigue
Adriana Szyda and

Shawna Fitzsimmons.

The following persons spoke in opposition to Columbia County selling the property at 16 Lover's Lane (Tax Map No. 19.2-1-17) via a private sale to The Corkscrew Rail Trail:

JJ Johnson-Smith (3 page document submitted – see attachment B)
John Archambeult and
Ruth Mary Lasher.

The following people spoke but were undecided about which option they support:

Ed Godfroy
Leonard Brown and
Joan Phelps.

PETITIONS SUBMITTED:

3 Pages of signed petitions were submitted to the Town Clerk by members of the public that did not speak during the Public Hearing. See attachment C. Please note, if petitions, letters or documentations were submitted by someone who spoke during public comment, there will be a note next to the speaker who submitted them and they will be in attachment B.

All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, a motion was made by Councilmember Newton, seconded by Councilmember Rasmussen, and approved unanimously to close the public hearing at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tistrya Houghtling
New Lebanon Town Clerk

Attachment A
Submitted by
Supervisor Teal

From: Jennifer Peabody <mrspicnic@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 10, 2018 4:19 PM
To: Colleen Teal
Subject: Support for Sale of New Lebanon Rail Bed Property to Corkscrew Rail Trail

For forwarding directly to the Columbia County Board of Supervisors

Hello,

I am writing in support of the sale of the New Lebanon rail bed property to the Corkscrew Rail Trail because:

- The sale ensures that a trail which is already popular with walkers, cyclists and other recreational users is kept for public use and not lost
- The property provides an anchor for the Corkscrew Rail Trail to get grants to maintain and expand the trail in New Lebanon and the network of trails in the region
- The county has the right to sell the property and the Corkscrew Rail Trail has the right to buy it
- The use of the property as a rail trail aligns directly with the goals of the Comprehensive Plan for the Town of New Lebanon
- Expanding the rail trail in New Lebanon enhances the community and is an important driver for economic vitalization

I urge the Columbia County Board of Supervisors to vote in support of the resolution to sell the New Lebanon rail bed property to the Corkscrew Rail Trail and not put the property back up for auction.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jennifer Peabody

144 Wyomanock Road
Stephentown, NY 12168

P 2

Colleen Teal | Town Supervisor

From: Susan Goldin <sogo2b@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 11, 2018 1:14 PM
To: supervisor@townofnewlebanon.com
Subject: Support fo sale of Land of New Lebanon Rail Bed Property to the Corkscrew Rail Trail

May 10, 2018

Supervisor
Town of New Lebanon
PO Box 328
New Lebanon, NY 12125
supervisor@townofnewlebanon.com
For forwarding directly to the Columbia County Board of Supervisors

Re: Support for Sale of New Lebanon Rail Bed Property to Corkscrew Rail Trail

Dear Town Supervisor,

This is my second letter regarding my support the sale of the New Lebanon rail bed property to the Corkscrew Rail Trail. I think it is a great idea that the Corkscrew Rail Trail Organization be allowed to buy the portion of the trail up for sale by the county without going through a tax auction. I do not understand the New Lebanon Town Board’s majority opinion that this is not a good thing for the town when the vast majority of those who have attended meetings and sent letters on this issue have been so much in favor of this idea. Collecting \$77 dollars per year in land taxes on this small bit of land seems very, very short sighted and against the enjoyment and real benefit a restored length of Rail trail will have on the extended community, of which I am a part, as a resident of Canaan. The town board should reflect the will and opinions of the community it represents. The New Lebanon Town Board does not appear to be doing its rightful job. Nonetheless, here are a few of the benefits of a rail trail through town:

- The sale ensures that a trail which is already popular with walkers, cyclists and other recreational users is kept for public use and not lost;
- The property provides an anchor for the Corkscrew Rail Trail to get grants to maintain and expand the trail in New Lebanon and the network of trails in the region;
- The county has the right to sell the property and the Corkscrew Rail Trail has the right to buy it;
- The use of the property as a rail trail aligns directly with the goals of the Comprehensive Plan for the Town of New Lebanon;
- Expanding the rail trail in New Lebanon enhances our community and is an important driver for economic vitalization.

I have long been a supporter of New Lebanon’s businesses and community and will continue in that respect. I love our little corner of New York State ! We are so lucky to live here.

I urge the Columbia County Board of Supervisors to vote in support of the resolution to sell the New Lebanon rail bed property to the Corkscrew Rail Trail and not put the property back up for auction.

Susan Goldin
141 Beebe Pond Road
Canaan, NY 12029
518-781-8166

SOGO 2 DESIGN
home of Bidderbutter Baubles +
an eBay store

<http://stores.ebay.com/bidderbutter-baubles-plus>

94

sent from
sogo2's iPad mini

Colleen Teal | Town Supervisor

From: Jonah Millett <jonahmillett@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 11, 2018 4:05 PM
To: Colleen Teal
Subject: Rail Trail

5/11/2018

New Lebanon Town Supervisor,

For forwarding directly to the Columbia County Board of Supervisors
Re: Support for Sale of New Lebanon Rail Bed Property to Corkscrew Rail Trail

I fully support the sale of the New Lebanon rail bed property to the Corkscrew Rail Trail because:

- The sale ensures that a trail which is already popular with walkers, cyclists and other recreational users is kept for public use and not lost
- The property provides an anchor for the Corkscrew Rail Trail to get grants to maintain and expand the trail in New Lebanon and the network of trails in the region
- The county has the right to sell the property and the Corkscrew Rail Trail has the right to buy it
- The use of the property as a rail trail aligns directly with the goals of the Comprehensive Plan for the Town of New Lebanon
- Expanding the rail trail in New Lebanon enhances our community and is an important driver for economic vitalization

I urge the Columbia County Board of Supervisors to vote in support of the resolution to sell the New Lebanon rail bed property to the Corkscrew Rail Trail and not put the property back up for auction.

Jonah Millett
POBOX 666
New Lebanon, NY 12062

Colleen Teal | Town Supervisor

From: dha201 <dha201@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 15, 2018 8:50 PM
To: supervisor@townofnewlebanon.com
Subject: Corkscrew Rail Trail

May 15, 2018
Supervisor
Town of New Lebanon
PO Box 328
New Lebanon, NY 12125

Re: Support for Sale of New Lebanon Rail Bed Property to Corkscrew Rail Trail

We fully support the sale of the New Lebanon rail bed property to the Corkscrew Rail Trail because:

- The sale ensures that a trail which is already popular with walkers, cyclists and other recreational users is kept for public use and not lost
- The property provides an anchor for the Corkscrew Rail Trail to get grants to maintain and expand the trail in New Lebanon and the network of trails in the region
- The county has the right to sell the property and the Corkscrew Rail Trail has the right to buy it
- The use of the property as a rail trail aligns directly with the goals of the Comprehensive Plan for the Town of New Lebanon
- Expanding the rail trail in New Lebanon enhances our community and is an important driver for economic vitalization

We urge the Columbia County Board of Supervisors to vote in support of the resolution to sell the New Lebanon rail bed property to the Corkscrew Rail Trail and not put the property back up for auction.

Respectfully,

Debra Argentina

44 Spring Hill Rd. Apt. 7

New Lebanon, NY 12125

Colleen Teal | Town Supervisor

From: Woolhandler & Himmelstein <himmelhandler@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 15, 2018 4:21 PM
To: kelly.baccaro@columbiacountyny.com; supervisor@townofnewlebanon.com
Subject: Sale of the 3 acre parcel at 16 Lovers Lane to the corkscrew rail trail

Dear Columbia County and New Lebanon Supervisors:

We reside at 104 McGrath Hill Road in New Lebanon, and are New Lebanon voters and taxpayers. We are writing to express our strong support for the sale of the 3 acre parcel at 16 Lovers Lane to the corkscrew rail trail.

Thanks in advance for your consideration of our views.

David U. Himmelstein, M.D.
STeffie Woolhandler, M.D.

This email has been checked for viruses by Avast antivirus software.
<https://www.avast.com/antivirus>

Colleen Teal | Town Supervisor

From: Joanie Seakwood <jrsumac@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 15, 2018 11:04 AM
To: Colleen Teal | Town Supervisor
Subject: Bike Trail
Attachments: Rail Trail sample letter May 10 2018 copy.pdf

Signed : Joanie Seakwood
100 Bird Road
New Lebanon, NY 12125

Signature to P 9

Date:

Supervisor
Town of New Lebanon
PO Box 328
New Lebanon, NY 12125
supervisor@townofnewlebanon.com

For forwarding directly to the Columbia County Board of Supervisors

Re: Support for Sale of New Lebanon Rail Bed Property to Corkscrew Rail Trail

We fully support the sale of the New Lebanon rail bed property to the Corkscrew Rail Trail because:

- The sale ensures that a trail which is already popular with walkers, cyclists and other recreational users is kept for public use and not lost
- The property provides an anchor for the Corkscrew Rail Trail to get grants to maintain and expand the trail in New Lebanon and the network of trails in the region
- The county has the right to sell the property and the Corkscrew Rail Trail has the right to buy it
- The use of the property as a rail trail aligns directly with the goals of the Comprehensive Plan for the Town of New Lebanon
- Expanding the rail trail in New Lebanon enhances our community and is an important driver for economic vitalization

We urge the Columbia County Board of Supervisors to vote in support of the resolution to sell the New Lebanon rail bed property to the Corkscrew Rail Trail and not put the property back up for auction.

Name:
Address:

Name:
Address:

Name:
Address:

Name:
Address:

Name:
Address:

Phillip Ortiz, Ph.D.
43 Schoolhouse Road
East Chatham, New York 12060
518/794-0151 (home) -- 518/391-9046 (cell) – 518/320-1609 (office)
Phil.Ortiz@gmail.com

Collean Teal, Town Supervisor
Town of New Lebanon
P.O. Box 328
14755 State Route 22
New Lebanon, NY 12125

Columbia County Board of Supervisors Governance Committee
% Chris Watz, Esq.
Columbia County Attorney's Office
401 State Street
Hudson, NY 12534

Re:Tax map parcel 19.2-1-1-17
New Lebanon, NY
Private Sale request

Dear Ms. Teal and Mr. Watz:

I am writing in support of the acquisition of the portion of the Corkscrew Rail Trail that is under foreclosure. As a full-time year-round resident and New Lebanon tax-payer, and I completely support the Town of New Lebanon's acquisition of such property.

I believe that many others have made very convincing arguments that this acquisition would be important for 'low impact' tourism and pedestrian/bicycle safety, and instead will focus my comments on the role of 'educational recreation'. In my professional role as 'Assistant Provost for Undergraduate and STEM Education' and 'Coordinator of the Empire State STEM Learning Network' for the State University of New York I am often called upon to help make educational decisions and set policy. This purchase is an example of such a decision.

As a biologist and educator with 20+ years of experience in higher education I am well aware of the importance that informal educational opportunities play in building our communities. These opportunities directly support and reinforce the learning that occurs in classrooms. More importantly, however, they help promote curiosity and open minds to the world so that formal learning can be most effective. No place is this more true than in environmental settings. People who have had the opportunity to relax and enjoy natural settings are much more eager to understand the intricate balance of nature and learn about each of the components of the environment. Thus, it is essential to create spaces for informal learning such as the trail system that this purchase will support. Once purchased I look forward to volunteering to help rehabilitate this property and doing what I can to promote environmental learning.

In closing I wish to reiterate my complete and total support for of this land by the Town of New Lebanon.

Sincerely,



Phillip A. Ortiz

Colleen Teal | Town Supervisor

From: Kendall Cornell <kendallcornell@earthlink.net>
Sent: Monday, May 14, 2018 10:32 AM
To: Colleen Teal | Town Supervisor
Subject: Corkscrew Rail Trail

Dear Colleen Teal,

I am in support of the sale of the New Lebanon rail bed property to the Corkscrew Rail Trail. Please pass my letter along to the Board of Supervisors.

Thank you!
Best,
Kendall Cornell
27 Bird Road,
New Lebanon, NY 12125

Supervisor
Town of New Lebanon
PO Box 328
New Lebanon, NY 12125
supervisor@townofnewlebanon.com

For forwarding directly to the Columbia County Board of Supervisors

Re: Support for Sale of New Lebanon Rail Bed Property to Corkscrew Rail Trail

I fully support the sale of the New Lebanon rail bed property to the Corkscrew Rail Trail because:

- The sale ensures that a trail which is already popular with walkers, cyclists and other recreational users is kept for public use and not lost
- The property provides an anchor for the Corkscrew Rail Trail to get grants to maintain and expand the trail in New Lebanon and the network of trails in the region
- The county has the right to sell the property and the Corkscrew Rail Trail has the right to buy it
- The use of the property as a rail trail aligns directly with the goals of the Comprehensive Plan for the Town of New Lebanon

- Expanding the rail trail in New Lebanon enhances our community and is an important driver for economic vitalization

I urge the Columbia County Board of Supervisors to vote in support of the resolution to sell the New Lebanon rail bed property to the Corkscrew Rail Trail and not put the property back up for auction.

Best,
Kendall Cornell
27 Bird Road,
New Lebanon, NY 12125

Colleen Teal | Town Supervisor

From: Gregg Carroll <greggpcarroll@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 13, 2018 10:09 PM
To: Colleen Teal | Town Supervisor
Subject: Letter supporting land sale by Columbia County to the Cork Screw Rail Trail
Attachments: CRTletter.pdf

Colleen,

Jim and I support the sale of land by the County to the Corkscrew Rail Trail.

Please forward as appropriate to Columbia County.

Gregg Carroll
greggpcarroll@gmail.com

Date:

Supervisor
Town of New Lebanon
PO Box 328
New Lebanon, NY 12125
supervisor@townofnewlebanon.com

For forwarding directly to the Columbia County Board of Supervisors

Re: Support for Sale of New Lebanon Rail Bed Property to Corkscrew Rail Trail

We fully support the sale of the New Lebanon rail bed property to the Corkscrew Rail Trail because:

- The sale ensures that a trail which is already popular with walkers, cyclists and other recreational users is kept for public use and not lost
- The property provides an anchor for the Corkscrew Rail Trail to get grants to maintain and expand the trail in New Lebanon and the network of trails in the region
- The county has the right to sell the property and the Corkscrew Rail Trail has the right to buy it
- The use of the property as a rail trail aligns directly with the goals of the Comprehensive Plan for the Town of New Lebanon
- Expanding the rail trail in New Lebanon enhances our community and is an important driver for economic vitalization

We urge the Columbia County Board of Supervisors to vote in support of the resolution to sell the New Lebanon rail bed property to the Corkscrew Rail Trail and not put the property back up for auction.

Name: *Jim Cauff*
Address: *2025 Cty. Rt 5, New Lebanon*

Name: *Alex Cavall*
Address: *2025 County Rt 5*

Name:
Address:

Name
Address:

Name:
Address:

Colleen Teal | Town Supervisor

From: Ruth Abram <rjabram@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 13, 2018 6:12 PM
To: supervisor@townofnewlebanon.com
Subject: Corkscrew Trail
Attachments: Rail Trail sample letter May 10 2018 v2.pdf; Untitled attachment 00017.txt

I support this statement. Ruth Abram
<http://files.constantcontact.com/bf460acc001/7ee8619c-f500-4bab-a226-b19ab8fcd302.pdf>

Signature to P. 16

Date:

Supervisor
Town of New Lebanon
PO Box 328
New Lebanon, NY 12125
supervisor@townofnewlebanon.com

For forwarding directly to the Columbia County Board of Supervisors

Re: Support for Sale of New Lebanon Rail Bed Property to Corkscrew Rail Trail

We fully support the sale of the New Lebanon rail bed property to the Corkscrew Rail Trail because:

- The sale ensures that a trail which is already popular with walkers, cyclists and other recreational users is kept for public use and not lost
- The property provides an anchor for the Corkscrew Rail Trail to get grants to maintain and expand the trail in New Lebanon and the network of trails in the region
- The county has the right to sell the property and the Corkscrew Rail Trail has the right to buy it
- The use of the property as a rail trail aligns directly with the goals of the Comprehensive Plan for the Town of New Lebanon
- Expanding the rail trail in New Lebanon enhances our community and is an important driver for economic vitalization

We urge the Columbia County Board of Supervisors to vote in support of the resolution to sell the New Lebanon rail bed property to the Corkscrew Rail Trail and not put the property back up for auction.

Name:
Address:

Name:
Address:

Name:
Address:

Name:
Address:

Name:
Address:

Colleen Teal | Town Supervisor

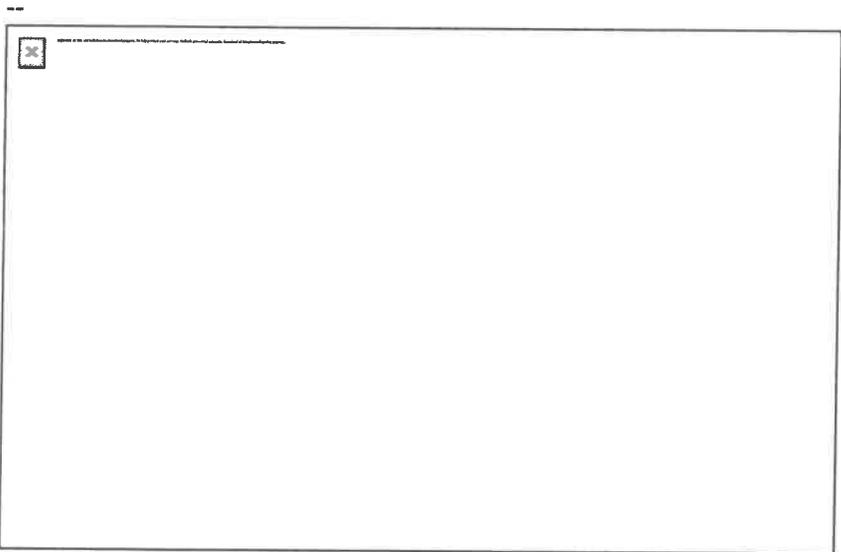
From: Melissa Dimassimo <melissdimas@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 12, 2018 12:47 PM
To: supervisor@townofnewlebanon.com
Subject: Rail Trail

PLEASE FORWARD DIRECTLY TO THE COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

To Whom it May Concern,

I am in favor of the sale of the Lovers Ln. property to the Corkscrew Rail Trail. New Lebanon needs any help it can get to attract people to the town. As a Realtor, I am confident that this use of the land is a perfect addition to the town, as it will help property value.

Thank you,
Melissa



Colleen Teal | Town Supervisor

From: townclerk@townofnewlebanon.com
Sent: Friday, May 4, 2018 11:44 AM
To: Baumli, Mark; Colleen Teal; Jesse Newton; Jesse Newton; Kevin Smith; Kevin Smith; Mark Baumli; Norman Rasmussen
Subject: FW: Rail trail

From: speebraun@gmail.com <speebraun@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 2, 2018 4:16 PM
To: townclerk@townofnewlebanon.com
Subject: Rail trail

To the New Lebanon Town Board:

We are writing to speak in favor of the county's sale of property to the Corkscrew Rail Train. We eagerly await more opportunities to bicycle on rail trails in northwestern Columbia County and hope you will facilitate this project coming to fruition. Rail trails serve not only us local residents but also bring tourists, which help our economy in real ways.

Thank you for your favorable consideration of the proposed project,

Jens and Christine Braun
East Chatham, NY

Spee Braun | 241 Bradley's Crossing Rd. Stop 11, East Chatham, NY 12060 USA | Landline [\(518\) 392-0891](tel:5183920891), cellphone (try last) [\(518\) 929-1819](tel:5189291819) | Skype name: speebraun



This email has been checked for viruses by Avast antivirus software.

www.avast.com

Colleen Teal | Town Supervisor

From: townclerk@townofnewlebanon.com
Sent: Monday, April 30, 2018 12:19 PM
To: Baumli, Mark; Colleen Teal; Jesse Newton; Jesse Newton; Kevin Smith; Kevin Smith; Mark Baumli; Norman Rasmussen
Subject: FW: 16 Lover's Lane Parcel

See below for email received today. I will file all received correspondence in my file and forward them all on to the Town Board as I receive them (unless you all tell me otherwise - if you don't want them all emailed to you as they are received and would prefer one packet of them all at the public hearing, please let me know).

Tistrya Houghtling
New Lebanon Town Clerk
PO Box 328
14755 State Route 22
New Lebanon, NY, 12125
(518)794-8888 phone
(518)794-9694 fax
Email: townclerk@townofnewlebanon.com
Website: www.townofnewlebanon.com

Hours: Mon, Wed, Thurs & Fri 9am – 5pm – Closed Tuesdays

-----Original Message-----

From: John Seakwood <jseakwood@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 30, 2018 11:46 AM
To: Tistrya Houghtling <townclerk@townofnewlebanon.com>
Subject: 16 Lover's Lane Parcel

Dear New Lebanon Town Clerk,

I am writing to express my support for the purchase of the parcel of land at 16 Lover's Lane (Tax Map No. 19.2-1-17) by the Corkscrew Rail Trail. Extending the trail would be beneficial to the prosperity and health of the residents of New Lebanon. I believe this sale will enhance the tax base in the medium to long term by bringing visitors to New Lebanon who will patronize businesses here and by enhancing the quality of life in the community.

Sincerely,
John Seakwood=

This email has been checked for viruses by Avast antivirus software.
<https://www.avast.com/antivirus>

Colleen Teal | Town Supervisor

From: Peg Munves <pmunves@panix.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 24, 2018 10:52 AM
To: supervisor@townofnewlebanon.com
Subject: Rail Trail property - sale to Corkscrew Rail Trail

To County Board Of Supervisors

I am in favor of selling the parcel in New Lebanon as a private sale to the Corkscrew Rail Trail group. The benefits of this sale to the CRT group are enormous for New Lebanon and Columbia County and surrounding areas. I have seen first hand the wide-ranging positive impact rail trails have in every community that I have visited across the country.

Thank you for all that you do

Peg Munves
39 Dermody Road - PO Box 129
New Lebanon NY 12125

Member New Lebanon CAC and Zoning Rewrite Committee Owner, Step In Time Training LLC, New Lebanon NY

Date:

Supervisor
Town of New Lebanon
PO Box 328
New Lebanon, NY 12125
supervisor@townofnewlebanon.com



For forwarding directly to the Columbia County Board of Supervisors

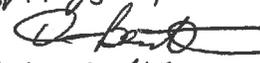
Re: Support for Sale of New Lebanon Rail Bed Property to Corkscrew Rail Trail

We fully support the sale of the New Lebanon rail bed property to the Corkscrew Rail Trail because:

- The sale ensures that a trail which is already popular with walkers, cyclists and other recreational users is kept for public use and not lost
- The property provides an anchor for the Corkscrew Rail Trail to get grants to maintain and expand the trail in New Lebanon and the network of trails in the region
- The county has the right to sell the property and the Corkscrew Rail Trail has the right to buy it
- The use of the property as a rail trail aligns directly with the goals of the Comprehensive Plan for the Town of New Lebanon
- Expanding the rail trail in New Lebanon enhances our community and is an important driver for economic vitalization

We urge the Columbia County Board of Supervisors to vote in support of the resolution to sell the New Lebanon rail bed property to the Corkscrew Rail Trail and not put the property back up for auction.

Name: Kenneth P. Boudreau 
Address: 141 Main Street Lebanon Springs NY

Name: Alexandra Berton 
Address: 141 Main Street Lebanon Springs NY

Name: Karen C. Ross
Address: 7 Bird Rd., Lebanon Spgs.

Name: Jethro Ross 
Address: 7 Bird Rd., Lebanon Spr.

Name:
Address:

Date:

Supervisor
Town of New Lebanon
PO Box 328
New Lebanon, NY 12125
supervisor@townofnewlebanon.com



For forwarding directly to the Columbia County Board of Supervisors

Re: Support for Sale of New Lebanon Rail Bed Property to Corkscrew Rail Trail

We fully support the sale of the New Lebanon rail bed property to the Corkscrew Rail Trail because:

- The sale ensures that a trail which is already popular with walkers, cyclists and other recreational users is kept for public use and not lost
- The property provides an anchor for the Corkscrew Rail Trail to get grants to maintain and expand the trail in New Lebanon and the network of trails in the region
- The county has the right to sell the property and the Corkscrew Rail Trail has the right to buy it
- The use of the property as a rail trail aligns directly with the goals of the Comprehensive Plan for the Town of New Lebanon
- Expanding the rail trail in New Lebanon enhances our community and is an important driver for economic vitalization

We urge the Columbia County Board of Supervisors to vote in support of the resolution to sell the New Lebanon rail bed property to the Corkscrew Rail Trail and not put the property back up for auction.

Name: *Paul St. Germain*
Address: *54 POOL HILL RD - LEBANON SPRINGS*

Name: *I. Alex Ochocki*
Address: *76 Pool Hill Rd, Lebanon Spgs, NY, 12125*

Name:
Address:

Name
Address:

Name:
Address:

May 14, 2018



Columbia County Board of Supervisors
401 State Street
Hudson, New York 12534

RE: Support for the sale of the rail bed parcel in New Lebanon to the Corkscrew Rail Trail

We support the sale by Columbia County to the Corkscrew Rail Trail Association of the rail bed parcel at 16 Lover's Lane in New Lebanon. Our reasons follow.

- The sale would ensure that an abandoned property already popular with walkers, cyclists and other recreational users is maintained in perpetuity for public use;
- The rail bed parcel provides an important anchor for expanding the rail trail elsewhere in New Lebanon and for connecting to the regional trail network;
- The rail trail aligns with goals of the *Town of New Lebanon Comprehensive Plan 2005* and the *Natural Resource Conservation Plan for the Town of New Lebanon 2017*;
- Columbia County has authority to sell the parcel and the Corkscrew Rail Trail has the right to purchase it without interference;
- Rail trails contribute to the health of our communities and drive economic revitalization.

We urge the Columbia County Board of Supervisors to vote in support of the resolution to sell the rail bed parcel in New Lebanon to the Corkscrew Rail Trail and not reassign the parcel to a public auction.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Name: DAVID L. FARREN *DL Farren*
Address: 190 KELLY ROAD, EAST CHATHAM, NY 12060

Name: TERRENCE W. MEACOCK *Terrence Meacock*
Address: 95 MILLER RD; CANAAN, NY 12029

Name: Mai Keklak
Address: 91 Miller Rd, Canaan, NY 12029 *Mai Keklak*

Name: Barbara A. DeBurr
Address: 190 Kelly Road East Chatham, NY 12060

Name:
Address:

May 14, 2018



Columbia County Board of Supervisors
401 State Street
Hudson, New York 12534

RE: Support for the sale of the rail bed parcel in New Lebanon to the Corkscrew Rail Trail

We support the sale by Columbia County to the Corkscrew Rail Trail Association of the rail bed parcel at 16 Lover's Lane in New Lebanon. Our reasons follow.

- The sale would ensure that an abandoned property already popular with walkers, cyclists and other recreational users is maintained in perpetuity for public use;
- The rail bed parcel provides an important anchor for expanding the rail trail elsewhere in New Lebanon and for connecting to the regional trail network;
- The rail trail aligns with goals of the *Town of New Lebanon Comprehensive Plan 2005* and the *Natural Resource Conservation Plan for the Town of New Lebanon 2017*;
- Columbia County has authority to sell the parcel and the Corkscrew Rail Trail has the right to purchase it without interference;
- Rail trails contribute to the health of our communities and drive economic revitalization.

We urge the Columbia County Board of Supervisors to vote in support of the resolution to sell the rail bed parcel in New Lebanon to the Corkscrew Rail Trail and not reassign the parcel to a public auction.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Name: AUGUST SCHNEEBERG
Address: 1166 BOWER RD, SAND LAKE, NY 12153

Name: Alice Howard
Address: Po Box 570
Avenill Park NY 12018

Name: Fred McCagg
Address: 113 Hayes Rd

Name: Jeffrey Briggs
Address: 332 Weatherwax Rd
Avenill Park, NY 12018

Name:
Address:



415 River Street
Troy, NY 12180
518-659-5263
www.renstrust.org



Board of Directors

- Fred Alm
- Lynn Bogan
- Carl Cipperly
- Nick Conrad
Immediate Past President
- Bob Crowley
Treasurer
- Joseph Durkin
Executive Committee
- David Gaskell
- Eric Kiel
- Sally Lawrence
Vice President
- Scott Morley, Esq.
- Thomas Phillips,
DVM
- Paul Schroeder
Secretary
- Kristina Younger
President

Staff

- John P. Winter
Executive Director
- Julie Moore
Development Associate

May 9, 2018:

Columbia County Board of Supervisors
401 State Street
Hudson, NY 12534

New Lebanon Town Board
P.O. Box 328
New Lebanon, NY 12125
supervisor@townofnewlebanon.com

Re: Support for Sale of New Lebanon Rail Bed Property to Corkscrew Rail Trail

We fully support the sale of the New Lebanon rail bed property to the Corkscrew Rail Trail because:

- It ensures that an abandoned property which is already popular with walkers, cyclists and other recreational users is maintained in perpetuity for public use;
- It provides an important anchor for the expansion of the Corkscrew Rail Trail in New Lebanon and for the network of trails in the region;
- It aligns with the town of New Lebanon's Comprehensive Plan's goals for rail trail development;
- The county has the right to sell the property and the Corkscrew Rail Trail has the right to buy it without interference; and
- Rail Trails enhance our communities and are important drivers of economic revitalization.

We urge the Columbia County Board of Supervisors to vote in support of the resolution to sell the New Lebanon rail bed property to the Corkscrew Rail Trail and not put the property back up for auction.

Sincerely,


Kristina Younger
President

May 16, 2018

To: New Lebanon Supervisor Colleen Teal

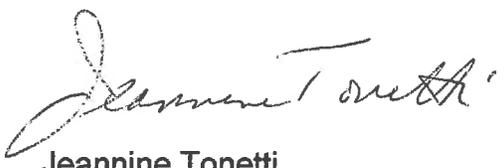
Columbia County Board of Supervisors

Re: New Lebanon Rail Trail acquisition

I am writing to state my strong support for the Corkscrew Rail Trail Association to buy the Lovers Lane parcel from Columbia County. This would be an important and vital start to establishing a Rail Trail in New Lebanon, which would eventually connect with the Stephentown trail, and future trails in Columbia County.

I support this acquisition because :

- Rail trails are well known to provide economic benefits for the host towns.
- People who use Rail Trails patronize local cafés after their walk.
- The trail will go directly through the historic Tilden Pharmaceutical Company properties.
- This use is consistent with the Town comprehensive plan.
- New Lebanon will not lose revenue from this use.
- The property is not appropriate for development due to its size and ecology.
- The vast majority of town residents support this acquisition.
- The Rail Trail eventually will be continued into other Columbia County towns and extend the economic benefit even further.



Jeannine Tonetti

286 West Hill Road, New Lebanon

Colleen Teal | Town Supervisor

From: Friedman, Alan R. <AFriedman@KRAMERLEVIN.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 13, 2018 6:37 PM
To: supervisor@townofnewlebanon.com
Subject: Sale of Rail Bed Property to Corkscrew Rail Trail

Dear Ms. Teal:

I have owned a home in New Lebanon for approximately 13 years. I write to reiterate my strong support for the sale by Columbia County of the rail bed property at 16 Lovers Lane to the Corkscrew Rail Trail. I ask that you convey my support directly to the Columbia County Board of Supervisors.

Not only is this an appropriate use of the land, it is in my view the most appropriate. The sale is consistent with the Comprehensive Town Plan. The rail trail will be a driver for economic growth. It will be an amenity for the town residents.

Thank you for your help and consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Alan R. Friedman
106 Rockledge Road

Alan R. Friedman
Partner
Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP
1177 Avenue of the Americas New York, New York 10036 T 212.715.9300 M 917.822.8636 F 212.715.8000
afriedman@kramerlevin.com <mailto:AFriedman@KRAMERLEVIN.com>
Bio <<http://www.kramerlevin.com/AFriedman>>

This communication (including any attachments) is intended solely for the recipient(s) named above and may contain information that is confidential, privileged or legally protected. Any unauthorized use or dissemination of this communication is strictly prohibited. If you have received this communication in error, please immediately notify the sender by return e-mail message and delete all copies of the original communication. Thank you for your cooperation.

May 2018

Columbia County Board of Supervisors
% New Lebanon Town Supervisor
P.O. Box 328
New Lebanon, NY 12125
supervisor@townofnewlebanon.com

For forwarding directly to the Columbia County Board of Supervisors

Re: Support for Sale of New Lebanon Rail Bed Property to Corkscrew Rail Trail

We fully support the sale of the New Lebanon rail bed property to the Corkscrew Rail Trail because:

- The sale ensures that a trail which is already popular with walkers, cyclists and other recreational users is kept for public use and not lost;
- The property provides an anchor for the Corkscrew Rail Trail to get grants to maintain and expand the trail in New Lebanon and the network of trails in the region
- The county has the right to sell the property and the Corkscrew Rail Trail has the right to buy it
- The use of the property as a rail trail aligns directly with the goals of the Comprehensive Plan for the Town of New Lebanon.
- Expanding the rail trail in New Lebanon enhances our community and is an important driver for economic vitalization.

We urge the Columbia County Board of Supervisors to vote in support of the resolution to sell the New Lebanon rail bed property to the Corkscrew Rail Trail and not put the property back up for auction.

Name: Meg Galeucia
Address: 261 Chair Factory Rd. New Lebanon NY 12125.

Name: Matthew Pellegrino
Address: 261 Chair Factory Rd, New Lebanon, NY 12125

Name:
Address:

Name
Address:

Name:
Address:

May 2018

Columbia County Board of Supervisors
% New Lebanon Town Supervisor
P.O. Box 328
New Lebanon, NY 12125
supervisor@townofnewlebanon.com

For forwarding directly to the Columbia County Board of Supervisors

Re: Support for Sale of New Lebanon Rail Bed Property to Corkscrew Rail Trail

We fully support the sale of the New Lebanon rail bed property to the Corkscrew Rail Trail because:

- The sale ensures that a trail which is already popular with walkers, cyclists and other recreational users is kept for public use and not lost;
- The property provides an anchor for the Corkscrew Rail Trail to get grants to maintain and expand the trail in New Lebanon and the network of trails in the region
- The county has the right to sell the property and the Corkscrew Rail Trail has the right to buy it
- The use of the property as a rail trail aligns directly with the goals of the Comprehensive Plan for the Town of New Lebanon.
- Expanding the rail trail in New Lebanon enhances our community and is an important driver for economic vitalization.

We urge the Columbia County Board of Supervisors to vote in support of the resolution to sell the New Lebanon rail bed property to the Corkscrew Rail Trail and not put the property back up for auction.

Name: Eileen Raab
Address: 140 Chair Factory Rd., New Lebanon, NY, 12125

Name: Stuart Raab
Address: 140 Chair Factory Rd., New Lebanon 12125

Name:
Address:

Name
Address:

Name:
Address:

May 2018

Columbia County Board of Supervisors
% New Lebanon Town Supervisor
P.O. Box 328
New Lebanon, NY 12125
supervisor@townofnewlebanon.com

For forwarding directly to the Columbia County Board of Supervisors

Re: Support for Sale of New Lebanon Rail Bed Property to Corkscrew Rail Trail

We fully support the sale of the New Lebanon rail bed property to the Corkscrew Rail Trail because:

- The sale ensures that a trail which is already popular with walkers, cyclists and other recreational users is kept for public use and not lost;
- The property provides an anchor for the Corkscrew Rail Trail to get grants to maintain and expand the trail in New Lebanon and the network of trails in the region
- The county has the right to sell the property and the Corkscrew Rail Trail has the right to buy it
- The use of the property as a rail trail aligns directly with the goals of the Comprehensive Plan for the Town of New Lebanon.
- Expanding the rail trail in New Lebanon enhances our community and is an important driver for economic vitalization.

We urge the Columbia County Board of Supervisors to vote in support of the resolution to sell the New Lebanon rail bed property to the Corkscrew Rail Trail and not put the property back up for auction.

Name: Dylan Ciptowski

Address: 187 Old Queechy Rd Canaan NY 12029

Name: Manah Auman

Address: 187 Old Queechy Rd, Canaan, NY 12029

Name:

Address:

Name

Address:

Name:

Address:

May 2018

Columbia County Board of Supervisors
% New Lebanon Town Supervisor
P.O. Box 328
New Lebanon, NY 12125
supervisor@townofnewlebanon.com

For forwarding directly to the Columbia County Board of Supervisors

Re: Support for Sale of New Lebanon Rail Bed Property to Corkscrew Rail Trail

We fully support the sale of the New Lebanon rail bed property to the Corkscrew Rail Trail because:

- The sale ensures that a trail which is already popular with walkers, cyclists and other recreational users is kept for public use and not lost;
- The property provides an anchor for the Corkscrew Rail Trail to get grants to maintain and expand the trail in New Lebanon and the network of trails in the region
- The county has the right to sell the property and the Corkscrew Rail Trail has the right to buy it
- The use of the property as a rail trail aligns directly with the goals of the Comprehensive Plan for the Town of New Lebanon.
- Expanding the rail trail in New Lebanon enhances our community and is an important driver for economic vitalization.

We urge the Columbia County Board of Supervisors to vote in support of the resolution to sell the New Lebanon rail bed property to the Corkscrew Rail Trail and not put the property back up for auction.

Name: *Sarah Westwind*
Address: *199 Chair Factory Rd New Lebanon NY 12125*

Name:
Address:

Name:
Address:

Name
Address:

Name:
Address:

May 2018

Columbia County Board of Supervisors
% New Lebanon Town Supervisor
P.O. Box 328
New Lebanon, NY 12125
supervisor@townofnewlebanon.com

For forwarding directly to the Columbia County Board of Supervisors

Re: Support for Sale of New Lebanon Rail Bed Property to Corkscrew Rail Trail

We fully support the sale of the New Lebanon rail bed property to the Corkscrew Rail Trail because:

- The sale ensures that a trail which is already popular with walkers, cyclists and other recreational users is kept for public use and not lost;
- The property provides an anchor for the Corkscrew Rail Trail to get grants to maintain and expand the trail in New Lebanon and the network of trails in the region
- The county has the right to sell the property and the Corkscrew Rail Trail has the right to buy it
- The use of the property as a rail trail aligns directly with the goals of the Comprehensive Plan for the Town of New Lebanon.
- Expanding the rail trail in New Lebanon enhances our community and is an important driver for economic vitalization.

We urge the Columbia County Board of Supervisors to vote in support of the resolution to sell the New Lebanon rail bed property to the Corkscrew Rail Trail and not put the property back up for auction.

Name: Dante Messe
Address: 203 Schmidt Rd Ghent NY 12075

Name: ~~Matthew Davis~~
Address: 143 CR 21C, Ghent NY 12075
Matthew H. Davis

Name: Elizabeth Brennan
Address: 327 CR 21C, Ghent NY 12075

Name: Tessa Schmidt
Address: 327 Rt 21C Ghent NY 12075

Name: Michele Kovalski
Address: 17 Railroad Ave
Chatham, NY
12037

May 2018

Columbia County Board of Supervisors
% New Lebanon Town Supervisor
P.O. Box 328
New Lebanon, NY 12125
supervisor@townofnewlebanon.com

For forwarding directly to the Columbia County Board of Supervisors

Re: Support for Sale of New Lebanon Rail Bed Property to Corkscrew Rail Trail

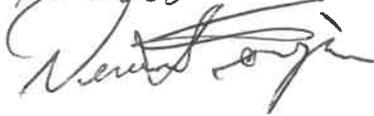
We fully support the sale of the New Lebanon rail bed property to the Corkscrew Rail Trail because:

- The sale ensures that a trail which is already popular with walkers, cyclists and other recreational users is kept for public use and not lost;
- The property provides an anchor for the Corkscrew Rail Trail to get grants to maintain and expand the trail in New Lebanon and the network of trails in the region
- The county has the right to sell the property and the Corkscrew Rail Trail has the right to buy it
- The use of the property as a rail trail aligns directly with the goals of the Comprehensive Plan for the Town of New Lebanon.
- Expanding the rail trail in New Lebanon enhances our community and is an important driver for economic vitalization.

We urge the Columbia County Board of Supervisors to vote in support of the resolution to sell the New Lebanon rail bed property to the Corkscrew Rail Trail and not put the property back up for auction.

Name: *Mika Saerle* 
Town: *New Lebanon*

Name: *Leah Penniman* 
Town: *Grafton NY*

Name: *Stephane Boulay* 
Town: *New Lebanon*
Name: *Dennis Fougere* 
Town: *New Lebanon*

Name: *Nancy Duffan* 
Town: *Great Barrington, MA*

Attachment B
Submitted by
members of
the audience
who spoke

Submitted by Joe Ogilvie

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
~~PROPERTY DEPARTMENT~~

Comments by Joe Ogilvie at the Public Hearing, May 17, 2018

I'm Joe Ogilvie, President of the Corkscrew Rail Trail. I'm here to say that I approve of the sale of the Lover's Lane property to our organization, and let me tell you why.

When Columbia County decided to sell the property to us for use as a rail trail in New Lebanon, they made a decision based on a well-established principle.

That principle is —what was the “highest and best” use for the property?

I approve of the sale because the rail trail is the *highest and best use* for this property.

Our Town Board should also be using the “highest and best use” principle —because that includes the four tests that need to be considered about any property.

It asks *is this use*: 1) financially feasible, 2) legally permissible, 3) physically possible, and 4) maximally productive.

The highest and best use meets all four of these tests.

The county decided that the highest and best use for the property was as a rail trail and they wanted to see that happen.

They took the property down from their auction because they decided that they did not want it to go for any other use.

They knew of the huge economic and recreational value that the rail trail could bring to the town, and to the whole county.

They also had visited the property and evaluated all its issues and limitations. They absorbed the debt on the property.

They spoke with the one person who had submitted a bid. When that bidder heard that the property could become a rail trail, he gave the project his blessing.

The county is the owner of the property, and so this is their decision to make.

After their evaluation, Columbia County like so many people who have expressed their support for this sale, decided that becoming a rail trail was the *highest and best use for this property*.

And that is why they are not going to return the property to auction.

I don't understand why the majority on the town board is trying to make such a destructive thing happen.

Our non-profit and charitable organization does a service of tremendous public value.

It is something that many of your constituents have said, very clearly, is important to them.

The rail trail is also something that several public mandates — approved by this town — direct you, the town board, to create.

The town has the job to bring the rail trail along. The Corkscrew is helping to make that happen.

And yet the majority on the town board has been using up our town's legal resources, and also the time and goodwill of so many people to get in the way of our mission.

One thing I think this town has always prided itself on is the way it resists government interference. But that is what I see happening to the Corkscrew Rail Trail, by the New Lebanon town board.

The town board is interfering in a property sale that the county has every right to make to us.

And the town board is trying to ignore that the county has made an informed decision about the highest and best use for their property.

Our town doesn't have a right to tell the county how to sell their own property. Any vote our town board makes about this sale isn't binding on the county, *not at all*.

It's the same way that none of us gets to tell a neighbor who they can sell their house to. Even if we feel *really strongly* about it, it's their house, their decision. It's not anybody else's business.

The county decided that a rail trail was the highest and best use for this property.

And we at the Corkscrew Rail Trail respectfully ask the town *to get out of the way* so that the county can implement the decision it made.

I'd like to thank everybody for coming out tonight.

Thanks to everyone for their continued support. And I look forward to our whole community enjoying the rail trail in New Lebanon.

submitted by
Joe Ogilvie

Public Hearing May 17, 2018: For submission to the public record

Re: Necessity of Ownership of Property by the Corkscrew Rail Trail to Qualify For Grants

FROM:

New York Codes Rules and Regulations TITLE 9 EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT SUBTITLE I OFFICE OF PARKS, RECREATION AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION CHAPTER IV ENVIRONMENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS SUBCHAPTER C ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT Part 439.

General Program Provisions Section 439.1

Section 440.3.

Project sponsor's interest in real property for development projects If the project sponsor is not the sole owner of the unencumbered fee of land on which a development project will be undertaken, the following documents will be required to qualify the project sponsor's interest in the property for State assistance: (a) except with respect to property owned by the State, the agreement of the owner to execute the project agreement and public benefit agreement as guarantor; and (b) a copy of a lease, easement, contract or memorandum of understanding which establishes to the satisfaction of the commissioner that the project sponsor's interest in the property is of sufficient duration and stability to assure that the project sponsor will be able to comply with this Subchapter.

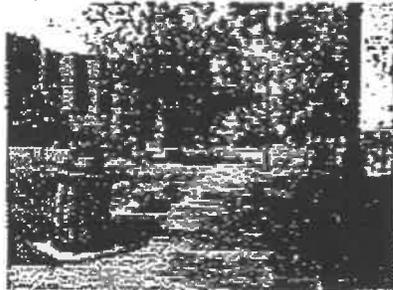
FROM:

**2017 Workshop – New York State Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation (OPRHP)
Environmental Protection Fund Grant Program for Parks, Preservation and Heritage (EPF)**

Eligible Applicants: Municipalities, State Agencies, Public Benefit Corporations, Public Authorities and Not-for-Profit organizations with an ownership interest in the property are eligible to apply; this may be fee ownership, or a lease, easement, contract or memorandum of understanding, in the case of acquisition applications, evidence of the owner's intent to sell, donate or transfer the property, or for stand-alone planning applications, permission of the owner to access the property for the purposes of the project.

Eligible Applicants

- Municipalities and not-for-profit organizations with an ownership interest in the property are eligible to apply.



 **new york** | **Parks, Recreation
and Historic Preservation**

our RR Trail !!

you heard me speak up @ the last meeting for our families & Children - ^{Benefits} & health w/ the Rutland Bike Trail

Submitted by
TERRI KOPP

Now lets talk LEBANON & 200yrs of History:

- #1 The Rutland RR & Not ONE but TWO RR STATIONS
- #2 for a direct connection to NYC & the Springs Health Spa
- #3 The milk & mail Train, The Exchange tours
- #4 Our own almost Pres.
- #5 The Shakers (Evap milk & Buss Saw)
- #6 The Barometer
- #7 The Pharmaceutical Comp.
- #8 The First Free Library

To Name a Few of our highlights
How many towns have this much history & yet even NY State does not make much of our towns & its history.

You wish to talk ~~of~~ of "scents" & the Bottom Line

Why don't we "Bank" on our history & resources

Our selves & use the Rutland RR & its bed
ONCE again as a drawing card to our town

to our Business & our History. Put up signs along

* Our Section Both ends

of the RR ~~bed~~ & each Road into town stating these many 'plus' to LEBANON & its History

while gifting many families & visitors with the ~~benefit~~ ^{benefit} of the Biking, Hiking, History trail of Lebanon

#

submitted by Peg Munves

Testimony by Peg Munves for the New Lebanon Public Hearing

6:30 P.M., May 17, 2018, New Lebanon Firehouse

- Introduce yourself
- The Corkscrew Rail Trail Association, Inc., is a grass roots nonprofit organization that relies solely on volunteers. It has every right to purchase land in the Town of New Lebanon.
- The Association became incorporated in 2015 under the laws of New York State and received 501(c) (3) status from the IRS in 2016.
- The Corkscrew Rail Trail Association itself raised the possibility of purchasing the parcel at 16 Lover's Lane once Columbia County announced a foreclosure sale. ★
- However, 15 members of two separate subcommittees of the Board of Supervisors inspected the parcel and each subcommittee voted unanimously to withdraw the parcel from the auction scheduled for March 8. Each subcommittee passed a unanimous resolution to instead sell the parcel at the minimum bid to the Corkscrew Rail Trail. Both subcommittees deemed the rail trail the best and highest use for the parcel. ★
- While the parcel will require a major clean-up effort – volunteers are ready to get to work – it will become an anchor for expanding the rail trail in New Lebanon and ultimately connecting New Lebanon to the Harlem Valley Rail Trail and its planned expansion into Chatham.
- Currently, the rail trail is ineligible for most grants because we don't own any of the trail.
- With ownership of this parcel, we would be eligible to apply for available grants. If awarded, a grant would help us improve and maintain the trail.
- For example, the bridge abutments on either side of the Wyomanock Creek are in excellent condition and can support a new bridge. Building a bridge would be an expensive proposition, however, and only a grant would allow us to proceed.
- Nevertheless, our approach to opening stretches of the abandoned rail bed to public use continues to be through securing permission from willing landowners.
- These permissions come through a revocable land use agreement, not an easement.
- Currently we have permission from two landowners in New Lebanon directly south of the Rensselaer County border.

- A number of other landowners in town have expressed willingness to open their stretches of the abandoned rail bed for public use.
- North of the county border, we are fortunate that three landowners of large contiguous parcels have granted permission. Their long stretches of abandoned rail bed, combined with the New Lebanon parcels, give us a 2.5-mile trail (5 miles roundtrip) currently.
- Users of the Corkscrew Rail Trail rave about its beauty. We provide a much appreciated recreational opportunity that will be appreciated even more as the rail trail extends bit by bit through New Lebanon.

Submitted by
Bruce Shenker

2017 Workshop – New York State Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation (OPRHP)
Environmental Protection Fund Grant Program for Parks, Preservation and Heritage (EPF)

In 2016, 67 grants were awarded (40 PKS, 22 HP, 5 HA) in all 10 Regional Economic Development Council (REDC) Regions.

For 2017, up to \$20 Million is available under the EPF Parks, Preservation and Heritage Grant Program, with an administrative cap of \$500,000 funding request.

You can find the program documents, forms and resources mentioned here by going on our agency website at <http://nysparks.com/grants/consolidated-funding-app.aspx>.

Parks Program: Except for projects on State lands, any Not-for-Profit applicants applying under the Parks Program must provide a resolution of municipal endorsement, passed by the governing body of the municipality in which the project is located, which stipulates the approval/endorsement of the application. See a sample of an acceptable resolution of municipal endorsement on our website.

Historic Properties: (1) Must be listed on the State or National Register of Historic Places. If the property is not currently listed, but scheduled for nomination review at the State Board for Historic Preservation meeting of June 15, 2017 or September 14, 2017, it is eligible for application purposes. Questions about or proposals for listing on the State or National Register should be directed to the OPRHP National Register Unit at (518) 237-8643; (2) Grant funds cannot be used for constructing contemporary additions on an historic property unless that work will provide universal access and/or eliminate code deficiencies for access/egress, such as an elevator or stair tower. Multi-purpose additions to historic buildings and free-standing new construction on historic properties are not eligible for this grant program; (3) All work must conform to the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties.

Heritage Areas: (1) Projects must be identified in an approved management plan; (2) Must provide the written approval/endorsement of the project by the local heritage area management entity, if it is not the project sponsor, with the application; (3) The designated Heritage Areas with approved Management Plans are listed at <http://nysparks.com/grants/heritage-areas/default.aspx>, which also provides links to maps showing exact Heritage Area boundaries.

Project planning is eligible for stand-alone funding in all three program areas. This funding is intended for project-specific planning, such as designs and specifications for rehabilitation of an historic property or structural assessment of a dock for public fishing, **not** for comprehensive open space or management plans.

Eligible Applicants: Municipalities, State Agencies, Public Benefit Corporations, Public Authorities and Not-for-Profit organizations with an ownership interest in the property are eligible to apply; this may be fee ownership, or a lease, easement, contract or memorandum of understanding, in the case of acquisition applications, evidence of the owner's intent to sell, donate or transfer the property, or for stand-alone planning applications, permission of the owner to access the property for the purposes of the project.

Not-for-profit organizations must register and pre-qualify in the Grants Gateway PRIOR to submitting an application requesting funds from New York State. This is **IMPORTANT** because you will NOT be able to finalize or submit your application if you have not successfully completed this process. NFPs must be in Pre-qualified status as of 4:00 PM on July 28, 2017, and must provide the Document Vault Identifier in order to submit an application in the CFA. If you haven't already, **START NOW:** information on the process and requirements can be found in the Getting Started section at <https://grantsreform.ny.gov/>.

In the interest of equity and fairness and in consideration of applicant capacity, applicants that have three or more open grants with OPRHP should not apply for additional awards.

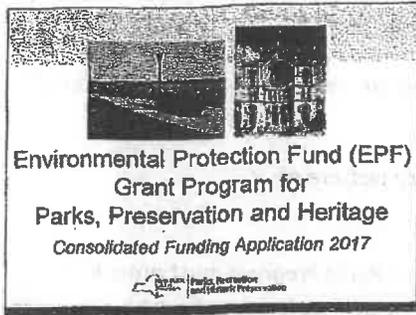
All grant awards come with long term protections, either through parkland alienation law, conservation easements, or public access or preservation covenants recorded against the deeds; see website for Handbook and examples.

All parties with an ownership interest in the property, including lien holders, will be required to sign the project agreement, and may need to sign documents establishing long-term protections for the property. All lien holders must subordinate their interests to those of the State.

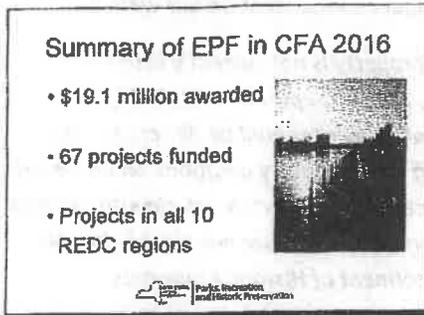
You must be prepared and capable of funding your project first: this is a **reimbursement** program. You front the expenditures and then we reimburse you a percentage of eligible expenditures.

These are **matching grants:** applicants must provide at least 50% match; for those projects located in impoverished areas (as defined in the poverty table provided on our website), applicants must provide at least 25% match.

Handwritten notes at the top right of the page.

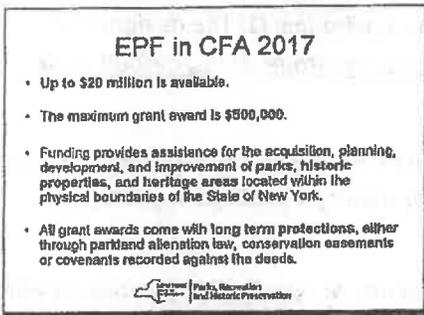


Environmental Protection Fund (EPF)
Grant Program for
Parks, Preservation and Heritage
Consolidated Funding Application 2017



Summary of EPF in CFA 2016

- \$19.1 million awarded
- 67 projects funded
- Projects in all 10 REDC regions



EPF in CFA 2017

- Up to \$20 million is available.
- The maximum grant award is \$500,000.
- Funding provides assistance for the acquisition, planning, development, and improvement of parks, historic properties, and heritage areas located within the physical boundaries of the State of New York.
- All grant awards come with long term protections, either through parkland alienation law, conservation easements or covenants recorded against the deeds.



Eligible Applicants

- Municipalities and not-for-profit organizations with an ownership interest in the property are eligible to apply.

- Regions are defined by the Governor's Regional Economic Development Councils (REDC). Visit <http://regionalcouncils.ny.gov/> to determine in which Regional Economic Development Council region your project is located.
- For 2016, of the 67 grants, 40 were awarded under Parks; 22 for Historic Preservation, and 5 for Heritage Areas.
- Public access covenants will be conveyed to the State for all **park development** projects undertaken by not-for-profit corporations.
- Conservation easements will be conveyed to the State for **parkland acquisition** projects undertaken by not-for-profit corporations.
- Parkland acquired or improved by a municipality must remain parkland in **perpetuity**. The **Handbook on the Alienation and Conversion of Municipal Parkland** is available at www.nysparks.com/publications/.
- Preservation covenants or conservation easements will be conveyed to the State for all **historic preservation** projects.
- Public access covenants, preservation covenants or conservation easements will be conveyed to the State for all **heritage area** projects.
- Ownership may be fee simple, or a lease, easement, contract or memorandum of understanding, or in the case of acquisition applications, evidence of the owner's intent to sell, donate or transfer the property, or for stand-alone planning applications, permission of the owner to access the property for the project.
- All parties with an ownership interest in the property, including lien holders, will be required to sign the project agreement, and may need to sign documents establishing long-term protections for the property. All lien holders must subordinate their interests to those of the State.
- While there is no statutory limit on the number of grants one property or one applicant may receive, in the interest of equity and fairness and in consideration of applicant capacity, applicants that have three or more open grants with OPRHP should not receive additional awards.
- While applicants may apply for more than one grant category funded under OPRHP's EPF Program for Parks, Preservation, or Heritage, no project will receive more than one grant award in any funding year.

submitted by
Bruce Shenter

From New York Codes
Environmental Assistance Programs

Section 439.3. Allocation of funds

The distribution of funds for park, historic preservation and heritage area projects shall be requested annually by the office for inclusion in the executive budget and action by the New York State Legislature.

(a) The commissioner shall determine the types of projects to be funded from the allocation for each fiscal year based on factors which shall include, but need not be limited to:

- (1) demand as evidenced by number and type of applications previously received for this and other grant programs administered by the office;
- (2) the Open Space Conservation Plan, the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan and other applicable planning documents;
- (3) public comments and requests received by the office or other appropriate evidence of need;
- (4) the availability of other programs and funding resources;
- (5) allocations for various types of projects in previous funding cycles;
- (6) State and Federal mandates; and
- (7) emergencies or disasters.

Part 440. Provisions Relating to All Projects

Section 440.1. General project requirements

In order to be eligible for State assistance under this Part, the entire project must be:

- (a) recommended to the commissioner by the governing body of the project sponsor or where the project sponsor is a State agency, its chief executive; and
- (b) located within the physical boundaries of the State of New York.

Section 440.2. Not-for-profit corporation requirements

(a) A not-for-profit corporation must demonstrate to the satisfaction of the office that it is capable of operating and maintaining the completed project for the benefit of the public. The following documents will be required to verify a corporation's not-for-profit, tax-exempt status and provide evidence of such capability:

- (1) a copy of the corporation's certificate of incorporation;

(2) a copy of a determination letter from the United States Internal Revenue Service verifying the corporation's tax-exempt status; and

(b) materials demonstrating that the not-for-profit corporation is up-to-date with all pertinent filings under section 501 of the United States Internal Revenue Code, and either article 7-A of the New York Executive Law, or section 8-1.4 of the New York Estates, Powers and Trusts Law, or section 1508 of the New York Not-for-Profit Corporation Law, or section 215 of the New York Education Law.

Section 440.3. Project sponsor's interest in real property for development projects

If the project sponsor is not the sole owner of the unencumbered fee of land on which a development project will be undertaken, the following documents will be required to qualify the project sponsor's interest in the property for State assistance:

(a) except with respect to property owned by the State, the agreement of the owner to execute the project agreement and public benefit agreement as guarantor; and

(b) a copy of a lease, easement, contract or memorandum of understanding which establishes to the satisfaction of the commissioner that the project sponsor's interest in the property is of sufficient duration and stability to assure that the project sponsor will be able to comply with this Subchapter.

Section 440.4. Funding provisions

(a) Except for projects undertaken by the office at State historic properties, State assistance towards the cost of a project shall not exceed 50 percent of the approved project cost, provided however, in the case of a project located in an area which according to the most recent census data available has a poverty rate of at least 10 percent for the year to which the data relates, State assistance payments toward the cost of any such project shall in no event exceed 75 percent of the approved project cost.

(b) For determining the amount of State assistance available for the project, the cost of a project shall be the amount approved by the commissioner. The State shall not be responsible for any increases in the cost of the project.

(c) State assistance will be available on a reimbursement basis. Project sponsors shall submit periodic invoices and requests for payment as work is performed and costs incurred. The amount of each State assistance payment will be in the same proportion as the State assistance bears to total project cost.

(d) A project sponsor may request an advance payment in an amount not to exceed 25 percent of the total amount of State assistance for the project or the amount of match the project sponsor can document at the time of the request, whichever is smaller.

Fiona Lally submitted

Public Hearing May 17, 2018: For submission to the public record

Re: Property is not appropriate for development because of protected wetlands

Email from Patricia Pinder, DEC to NL Supervisor, March 12, 2018

"...Yes, a large portion of the property is either federal wetlands or pond or adjacent area of DEC regulated wetland CA-4, which is a large Class 1 wetland..."

"Any work conducted in the shaded or hatched areas will require a permit from the Army Corps of Engineers and/or DEC, depending on where the work is conducted and what is being done. If the existing railroad bed is utilized as it is, no permit will be required to just walk across the area."

This is significant, for example, because the entrance to the property on Lover's Lane would need to be widened for access by fire trucks, and that entrance is in a fully hatched wetlands area on the map.

submitted by Tom Gerety via email after PH w/ request that it be entered into the record

townclerk@townofnewlebanon.com

From: Tom Gerety <tomgerety@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 17, 2018 9:13 PM
To: Colleen Teal | Town Supervisor; mbaumli@townofnewlebanon.com; ksmith@townofnewlebanon.com; nrasmussen@beholdnewlebanon.org; Tistrya & Steve Houghtling
Subject: Economic Benefits of Rail Trails
Attachments: RTC_Trail_Benefits_Fact_Sheet_All_Use.pdf

Dear Supervisor Teal, Clerk Houghtling, and Members of the New Lebanon Town Board:

I would ask you to enter into the record of our discussion the following brief webpage, attached below, from the national Rails to Trails Conservancy, the organization most responsible for the creation of local rail trails like our own Corkscrew Trail. Numerous studies from state and local economic development agencies support its conclusions.

Thank you for your time and commitment.

Tom Gerety
530 Canaan Road

--
917.992.3503

pg 1 of 2

Trail Investment: A Good Deal for the American Economy

Trails and Trail Networks Revitalize American Infrastructure

Job Creation: Making a Case for Healthy Transportation Investments

Jobs Created Per Million Dollars Spent



Source: American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Average Direct Jobs by Project Type (2012); jobs in terms of full-time equivalents (FTE)

More Jobs Per Dollar

A study commissioned by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) on American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) job creation found that transportation enhancements (trails, walking and biking) projects create 17 jobs (design, engineering and construction) per \$1 million spent, more than any other type of project.¹

Creating Economic Opportunity

A 2012 economic impact study of the Great Allegheny Passage, a 150-mile trail between Cumberland, Maryland, and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, found that trail users spent more than \$40 million annually.² A 2008 study found that the trail-related local businesses there (bike shops, restaurants, etc.) pay out \$7.5 million in wages every year—stimulating our rural economies.³ In Michigan, meanwhile, in- and out-of-state bicycle tourism generate \$38 million and \$22 million per year, respectively.⁴

Strong Communities

While the Erie Canalway Trail in upstate New York attracts users from across the country, residents from communities along the 360-mile trail account for almost 90 percent of trail use. By making 1.5 million visits annually along the trail, local users spend over \$165 million in their own communities.⁵

Sources:

¹[http://onlinepubs.trb.org/onlinepubs/nchrp/docs/NCHRP08-36\(103\)_FR.pdf](http://onlinepubs.trb.org/onlinepubs/nchrp/docs/NCHRP08-36(103)_FR.pdf)

²<https://www.trailtowns.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/Economic-impact-of-all-Trails-1.pdf>

³https://www.trailtowns.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/07-294-GAP-Economic-Impact-Study-2008-2009_Final-Report.pdf

⁴https://www.michigan.gov/mdot/0,4616,7-151-9615_11223_64797_69435--,00.html

⁵https://headwaterseconomics.org/wp-content/uploads/Trail_Study_109-NY-Econ-Impact-Erie-Canalway.pdf (p. 24)

⁶<https://www.census.gov/content/dam/Census/library/publications/2014/acs/acs-25.pdf>

⁷<http://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Statistics-Trends-and-Reports/NationalHealthExpendData/downloads/highlights.pdf>

⁸<http://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/1524839903260687>

Trails as Transportation

Between 2000 and 2012, the number of U.S. workers who commuted daily via bicycle increased from 488,000 to 786,000—a 60 percent gain.⁶ With continued investment in bicycle infrastructure, we can expect more than 1 million Americans to routinely bike to work. Increasing transportation alternatives increases worker productivity and decreases wear on federal highways—saving maintenance costs.

Fiscal Responsibility

The federal government pays 28 percent of all health-care costs in the United States.⁷ A study of Lincoln, Nebraska, found that every dollar spent on trails returned \$2.94 in direct medical benefits.⁸ Having access to walking or jogging trails is associated with a higher percentage of people meeting current activity recommendations compared with those who didn't have access to trails. Investing in active transportation infrastructure eliminates a host of negative health-risk factors in trail users—relieving strain on federal health-care programs and American taxpayers while catalyzing community development.



Brookport, New York | Photo courtesy Parks & Trails New York



Millicent Smith
submitted



Corkscrew Rail Trail Association
P.O. Box 394, Stephentown, NY 12168
Corkscrewtrail.org
Info@corkscrewtrail.org
914.575.2675

May 16, 2018

Re: Landowner Permissions in Effect in New Lebanon

To: The New Lebanon Town Board
Public Hearing May 17, 2018

The Corkscrew Rail Trail confirms for the record that the rail trail is already active in New Lebanon beyond the purchase of the Lover's Lane parcel. There are two landowners who have already given permissions for the rail bed pathway to be used on their property, and others who are in active discussion with the rail trail now.

Please submit this information into the public record so that comments made to the contrary can be corrected.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "JOE OGILVIE", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Joe Ogilvie
President
Corkscrew Rail Trail

Linda Hurza submitted

Public Hearing May 17, 2018: For submission to the public record

Re: positive impact of trails on local businesses

From: Rails to Trails Conservancy: "*Investing in Trails; Cost-Effective Improvements for Everyone*"

"Americans spend more on bicycling each year than they do on airline travel. Trail-based tourism is a major economic driver in many small communities, supporting local small businesses through annual revenues of millions of dollars per trail in direct consumer spending in many cases."

<https://www.railstotrails.org/resourcehandler.ashx?name=investing-in-trails-cost-effective-improvements-for-everyone&id=3629&fileName=Economic%20Impacts%20of%20Trails.pdf>

submitted by
Debby Gordon

Public Hearing May 17, 2018: For submission to the public record

Re: Right of Columbia County to sell the parcel to the Corkscrew Rail Trail before the auction

Excerpt From:

**Columbia County Tax Foreclosure Sales
Terms and Conditions of Sale, March 8, 2018**

<https://docs.google.com/viewer?a=v&pid=sites&srcid=Y29sdW1iaWFjb3VudHlue-S5jb218Y291bnR5LXRheC1mb3JIY2xvc3VyZXN8Z3g6NTBhNDk1ZGQ5ODk3ZGM1OQ>

"Notice to Bidders"

On page 3: "Please be advised that all parcels may be subject to removal or deletion from the list of parcels prior to the date of sale."

Submitted by
Craig Westcott

Expansion of the Corkscrew Rail Trail is aligned with both New Lebanon's Comprehensive Plan, adopted in 2005, and the Natural Resource Conservation Plan for the Town of New Lebanon, adopted by the Town Board in December of 2017, as demonstrated in the following highlighted sections of these plans:

NL Comprehensive Plan, Recreation Section III-30-32

I. RECREATION

Input received from the public indicated a clear interest in creating new and expanded recreational facilities that are in keeping with our community's natural setting and small town character. For example, survey respondents overwhelmingly favored the development of bicycle and hiking trails. Workshop participants stressed the need for an expanded playground and a youth center with indoor recreational facilities. The following strategies are aimed at putting those desires into action. They will directly benefit residents and provide appropriate attractions for tourists and newcomers.

Goal:

Expand recreation opportunities in keeping with the Town's rural nature and the "small town" character of its commercial center.

Objectives:

- Promote availability, with appropriate conditions, of multi-use trails for activities such as walking, biking, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, snowmobiling, and horseback riding
- Protect and expand public access to fishing and boating resources of the Kinderhook and Wyomanock Creeks
- Expand existing Town Park facilities to provide safe childrens' play areas, such as winter skating rink, skateboard park, soccer fields and other improvements
- Encourage the development of indoor community facilities and programs for basketball, soccer, weight training, aerobics, skating and other activities
- Target areas in the Town's center (Routes 20/22 overlap) for commercial recreation such as bowling, skating rinks and a movie theater
- Provide safe and adequate parking and pedestrian access to recreational facilities

Strategies to increase and Enhance Trails for Walking, Biking, Cross-Country Running, Skiing and Snowmobiling:

1. Create a map that details official locations of all roads and infrastructure. On the map include undeveloped portions of the old railroad bed and key access points to it from public roads. This could serve as a potential recreational and safe walking route to Town facilities and businesses.
2. Seek state and federal grants to acquire easements to develop a trail making use of open portions of the old rail bed corridor. Work with utilities to explore options for trail uses along transmission line rights of way and along the rail bed.
3. Identify and map other appropriate potential recreational corridors, such as abandoned Town roads, for multi-use and hiking-only trails.
4. Work with NYS Office of Parks Recreation and Historic Preservation to identify potential corridors to link New Lebanon into the statewide snowmobile trail network. Seek designation of any existing local snowmobile trails to ensure eligibility for NYS OPRHP snowmobile grant program.

Submitted by
Craig Westcott

5. In cooperation with neighboring residents and landowners, acquire and develop one or two parking / trailhead areas that provide hiking access to the Pittsfield State Forest (MA) trail system and Taconic Crest Trail.
6. Promote and encourage use of the Columbia Land Conservancy Hand Hollow Recreation Area.

Natural Resource Conservation Plan for the Town of New Lebanon

Recreational Resources - Pg. 85

Corkscrew Rail Trail

The Corkscrew Rail Trail is an unpaved trail that generally follows the old rail bed of the Corkscrew Division of the Rutland Railroad. The rail line carried passengers, milk, freight, and mail until 1952, when it was abandoned and the right-of-way conveyed to adjacent landowners. The Corkscrew Rail Trail Association, formed in 2014, negotiated agreements with landowners and in 2015 opened the first segment of the trail to the public. It runs 2.5 miles through Stephentown and northeastern New Lebanon, following the Wyomanock Creek for part of its length. The trail is open for hiking, bicycling, horseback riding, skiing, and snowmobiling. The Association hopes to establish agreements with additional landowners and extend the trail north and south (<http://www.corkscrewrailtrail.org/>)

Expanding Recreational Resources - Pg. 88

The town recognizes that expanding opportunities for outdoor recreation will benefit New Lebanon residents, businesses, and visitors. Projects that protect, enhance, or expand opportunities to engage the public, especially children, in outdoor activities, and expand local and regional hiking, multipurpose trails, and the rail trail deserve special attention. All new trails and other recreational features should be located and designed to minimize impacts on intact habitats, wildlife, and water resources.

GENERAL MEASURES FOR EXPANDING RECREATIONAL RESOURCES

- Promote the extension of the Corkscrew Rail Trail through agreements with willing landowners.
- Adopt the Complete Streets approach to enhancing the quality and safety of New Lebanon's roads for biking, walking, and other uses.
- Develop additional public access sites for fishing on New Lebanon's streams.
- Collaborate with the Shaker Swamp Conservancy in efforts to develop public access to Shaker Swamp.

Attachment C
Submitted by
members of
the audience
who did not
speak

Submitted by
J. Michael Deegan

p 1 of 1

Date:

Supervisor
Town of New Lebanon
PO Box 328
New Lebanon, NY 12125
supervisor@townofnewlebanon.com

For forwarding directly to the Columbia County Board of Supervisors

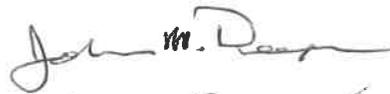
Re: Support for Sale of New Lebanon Rail Bed Property to Corkscrew Rail Trail

We fully support the sale of the New Lebanon rail bed property to the Corkscrew Rail Trail because:

- The sale ensures that a trail which is already popular with walkers, cyclists and other recreational users is kept for public use and not lost
- The property provides an anchor for the Corkscrew Rail Trail to get grants to maintain and expand the trail in New Lebanon and the network of trails in the region
- The county has the right to sell the property and the Corkscrew Rail Trail has the right to buy it
- The use of the property as a rail trail aligns directly with the goals of the Comprehensive Plan for the Town of New Lebanon
- Expanding the rail trail in New Lebanon enhances our community and is an important driver for economic vitalization

We urge the Columbia County Board of Supervisors to vote in support of the resolution to sell the New Lebanon rail bed property to the Corkscrew Rail Trail and not put the property back up for auction.

Name: J. MICHAEL DEEGAN
Address: 16 CRYSTAL SPRINGS



Name: SARAH G. CONLY
Address: 16 CRYSTAL SPRINGS



Name: NATALIA DUNTON
Address: 14880 RT 22 Lebanon Springs Natalia Dunton

Name: THOMAS DUNTON
Address: 14880 RT 22 LEBANON SPRINGS Thomas Dunton

Name:
Address:

May 2018

Columbia County Board of Supervisors
% New Lebanon Town Supervisor
P.O. Box 328
New Lebanon, NY 12125
supervisor@townofnewlebanon.com

For forwarding directly to the Columbia County Board of Supervisors

Re: Support for Sale of New Lebanon Rail Bed Property to Corkscrew Rail Trail

We fully support the sale of the New Lebanon rail bed property to the Corkscrew Rail Trail because:

- The sale ensures that a trail which is already popular with walkers, cyclists and other recreational users is kept for public use and not lost;
- The property provides an anchor for the Corkscrew Rail Trail to get grants to maintain and expand the trail in New Lebanon and the network of trails in the region
- The county has the right to sell the property and the Corkscrew Rail Trail has the right to buy it
- The use of the property as a rail trail aligns directly with the goals of the Comprehensive Plan for the Town of New Lebanon.
- Expanding the rail trail in New Lebanon enhances our community and is an important driver for economic vitalization.

We urge the Columbia County Board of Supervisors to vote in support of the resolution to sell the New Lebanon rail bed property to the Corkscrew Rail Trail and not put the property back up for auction.

Name: Jerry Grant
Address: 3367 County Route 9, East Chatham, NY 12060

Name:
Address:

Name:
Address:

Name:
Address:

Name:
Address:

May 2018

Columbia County Board of Supervisors
% New Lebanon Town Supervisor
P.O. Box 328
New Lebanon, NY 12125
supervisor@townofnewlebanon.com

For forwarding directly to the Columbia County Board of Supervisors

Re: Support for Sale of New Lebanon Rail Bed Property to Corkscrew Rail Trail

We fully support the sale of the New Lebanon rail bed property to the Corkscrew Rail Trail because:

- The sale ensures that a trail which is already popular with walkers, cyclists and other recreational users is kept for public use and not lost;
- The property provides an anchor for the Corkscrew Rail Trail to get grants to maintain and expand the trail in New Lebanon and the network of trails in the region
- The county has the right to sell the property and the Corkscrew Rail Trail has the right to buy it
- The use of the property as a rail trail aligns directly with the goals of the Comprehensive Plan for the Town of New Lebanon.
- Expanding the rail trail in New Lebanon enhances our community and is an important driver for economic vitalization.

We urge the Columbia County Board of Supervisors to vote in support of the resolution to sell the New Lebanon rail bed property to the Corkscrew Rail Trail and not put the property back up for auction.

Name: *DAN LACEY*
Address: *327 COUNTY RD 21 C GHENT N.Y. 12075*

Name: *Dominic Wolff*
Address: *132 May Hill Rd. Ghent, NY 12075*

Name: *K. Ocean*
Address: *62 Mayhill Rd. Ghent NY 12075*

Name: *Kristelle Esterhuizen*
Address: *327 County Rd. 21C Ghent, NY 12075*

Name:
Address: