

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF  
THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF NEW LEBANON  
HELD ON JULY 29, 2019**

**Present:** Colleen Teal, Supervisor  
Kevin Smith Sr., Councilmember  
Mark Baumli, Councilmember  
Jesse Newton, Councilmember  
Jon Tingley, Town Attorney

**Absent:** Norman Rasmussen, Councilmember

**Recording Secretary:** Tistrya Houghtling, Town Clerk

**Others Present:** Doug Banker, Deputy Supervisor  
Ted Salem, ZBA Member & ZRC Chair  
Cynthia Creech, CAC & ZRC Member  
David Russell, NL Rep to CC OFA  
Judy Zimmer, NL Rep to CC OFA  
Gregg Gilliland, LVPA  
Ed Godfroy, LVPA  
Bud Godfroy, LVPA  
Georgette Tefoe, Ethics Board Member  
Bob Gilson, CAC Member  
Doug LaRoque, *The Eastwick Press*  
Peter Flierl, *The Columbia Paper*  
Several members of the Public

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Supervisor Teal.

**SUPERVISOR RESIGNATION:**

Supervisor Teal stated that she has submitted a letter of resignation to the Town Clerk with her resignation effective on August 9<sup>th</sup>. She wasn't intending to resign early but she was offered a position in Virginia and she has accepted that position. She did not expect this to happen so quickly, but she is going to be closer to her daughter.

Tom Gerety asked if we can move a thank you from the board for Supervisor Teal's good service. Town Clerk Houghtling stated that she will thank her for her good service, Thank you Colleen. Cynthia Creech asked if Supervisor Teal will be here until the 9<sup>th</sup> of August. Supervisor Teal stated that she leaves on Wednesday and starts her other position on the 12<sup>th</sup> of August, so up until then she will be available for all day phone calls, emails and assistance that is needed and after that she will be available nights and weekends unless it is an SOS. She wanted a little more time to do this and was unable to negotiate that so the deal that she has made is that if there is an SOS text, she will take it during the work day. She will not leave without knowing that there is coverage.

David Farren asked where she is going. Supervisor Teal stated that she is moving to Colonial Beach Virginia where she will be the Chief Financial Officer for the Town of Colonial Beach. She stated that she knew she wasn't going to run again and anticipated it taking a while sending out multiple resumes and interviews and it didn't work that way. She sent out 5 resumes and they made the offer on the first interview.

An audience member asked who is going to fill in for her absence. Supervisor Teal stated that Doug Banker is the Deputy Town Supervisor and he will step up until and unless the Town Board makes an appointment. If he steps up as Deputy Town Supervisor, he runs the meetings and there are certain things he will take over that the Supervisor does. He wouldn't have a vote on the Town Board and he wouldn't serve on the County Board of Supervisors. If the Town Board chooses to make an appointment, that person would have a vote and would serve at the County level. An audience member asked if the Town Board could appoint Doug Banker. Supervisor Teal stated that they could. They could appoint whomever they choose and it would serve through December 31<sup>st</sup> and then whoever wins the election in November would take over January 1<sup>st</sup>.

Doug La Roque of the Eastwick Press asked if the Town Board is inclined to make an appointment. Supervisor Teal stated she has no idea. Councilmember Newton stated that personally he thinks that we need to appoint somebody with voting privileges who can serve on the County Board of Supervisors. He stated that could be Doug Banker. He stated that a number of different people have been discussed, he doesn't know if we are going to go through that tonight. He stated that we are going to appoint somebody soon probably. Councilmember Smith stated that they cannot appoint somebody until the 9<sup>th</sup>.

Councilmember Smith made a motion to schedule a special meeting for Friday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm. Councilmember Baumli seconded that motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilmember Rasmussen -	Absent
Councilmember Smith -	Aye
Supervisor Teal -	Aye
Councilmember Newton -	Aye
Councilmember Baumli -	Aye

**ENGINEERING PROJECT:**

Councilmember Newton stated that the Zoning Re-Write Committee would like the Town Engineer to re-work the zoning map because currently we only have a pdf file which can't be modified. You can't change it lot by lot. It is a picture of what we have. Columbia County has the information and has sent it to the Town Engineer so now he can digitize it and change lot line by lot line and change the zones as we see fit. Supervisor Teal stated that every other modification we have ever made to the zoning map becomes really costly. While this might have an expense up front, it is going to make any additional modifications down the road much less expensive as we can do them in house.

Councilmember Newton made a motion to secure up to \$1,500 for the Town Engineer to draft a new zoning map to be spent out of the Town Engineer budget line. Councilmember Smith seconded that motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilmember Rasmussen -	Absent
Councilmember Smith -	Aye
Supervisor Teal -	Aye
Councilmember Newton -	Aye
Councilmember Baumli -	Aye

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Supervisor Teal and seconded by Councilmember Baumli to adjourn the meeting at 5:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tistrya Houghtling  
New Lebanon Town Clerk