

TOWN OF NEW LEBANON

RESOLUTION #XX, 2020

ADOPTING A MISSION STATEMENT AND DEFINING THE SCOPE OF WORK FOR THE BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

AUGUST 11, 2020

At the regular monthly meeting of the New Lebanon Town Board, held in person at the Shatford Park Pavilion and via video and teleconference, duly called and held on the 11th day of August 2020, the following Resolution was proposed and seconded:

Resolution by _____

Seconded by _____

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WHEREAS, the Town of New Lebanon established a business and economic development committee in January of 2020 and advertised for letters of interest, specifically inviting local business owners to serve on the committee; and

WHEREAS, the next step in the Business and Economic Development Committee is to clearly define its mission statement and goals and objectives; and

WHEREAS, the Business and Economic Development Committee should include local business owners, members of Grow the Valley, the Town Supervisor, one Town Board member, and members of the public; and

WHEREAS, the Town sent notice to the public looking for members of the public and local business owners interested in serving on the Business and Economic Development Committee and received many letters of interest; and

WHEREAS, the Town Supervisor and Councilmember Gordon have agreed to serve on the Business and Economic Development Committee and the Town Board has asked Monte Wasch to serve as the Chair; and

WHEREAS, the Business and Economic Development Chair position shall act as a liaison among committee members and chair all business and economic development committee meetings and shall have a commitment to supporting local businesses, good communication and organizational skills, demonstrated ability to motivate volunteers and the ability to manage relationships among volunteers.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of New Lebanon hereby establishes a Business and Economic Development Committee with an unspecified number of members and all members to be appointed and removed by the Town Board at will; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of New Lebanon hereby establishes the following mission statement for the Business and Economic Development Committee:

Promote economic development in New Lebanon by attracting new businesses and industry, supporting existing businesses, and working towards a thriving economy and quality of life for the benefit of all . To accomplish its mission with adherence to the Town's history and rural character, and in conformity with the Town's Comprehensive Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of New Lebanon hereby establishes the following scope of work for the Business and Economic Development Committee:

The Committee will develop economic goals and plans that increase employment of Town residents, increase the Town's tax base, improve property values, improve the quality of life for Town residents and visitors, and act as an advocate for the Town's business community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any project the Business and Economic Development Committee takes on that does not involve expenditures and fits in with the mission statement and scope of work as laid out above, does not need Town Board approval and any project that involves any expenditures must first be approved by the Town Board.

Upon the question of the foregoing Resolution, the following Town Board Members voted "Aye" or "Nay" for said Resolution:

Roll Call Vote:

Councilmember Norman Rasmussen	_____
Councilmember Deborah Gordon	_____
Supervisor Tistrya Houghtling	_____
Councilmember Jesse Newton	_____
Councilmember John Trainor	_____

The Resolution, having been approved by a majority vote of the Town Board, was declared duly adopted by the Supervisor of the Town of New Lebanon.

Dated: August 11, 2020

Marcie Robertson
Town Clerk
Town of New Lebanon