

Town of New Lebanon Planning Board — Comprehensive Planning Committee

PRESS RELEASE

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The work of the New Lebanon Comprehensive Planning Committee is now underway. Thirteen committee members have been named including five members of the Planning Board, and assignments for beginning work on a new plan have been made. An experienced consultant has been hired to provide advice and oversight to the Committee.

Although several efforts to update the existing plan have been undertaken in the past, the plan has not been revised since first created in 1965. Many things about the Town have changed in 37 years, although many things have remained essentially the same.

The Committee's tasks are the following: to gather and make sense out of the facts concerning the Town's present population, economy, infrastructure and environment, to identify patterns and trends in these facts; and to solicit the views of the broadest possible spectrum of the community concerning what the Town's future should be and how best to prepare for it.

Committee Chair Jack Yurish said that Town residents can expect to receive a survey soliciting their views on these matters, and that they will be notified of public meetings to be held to solicit input. "Public input is critical to the planning process," said Mr. Yurish, who emphasized the importance of hearing directly from the public.

The Comprehensive Planning Committee can be contacted through the New Lebanon Town Hall, at P.O. Box 328, New Lebanon, New York 12125. Information concerning the Comprehensive Planning Committee activities will be posted at conspicuous locations throughout the Town and on a newly created website: newlebanonplanning.org.