

**Town of New Lebanon Planning Board  
Comprehensive Plan Committee**

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**Town of New Lebanon receives \$2,500.00 grant from Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation to support Comprehensive Plan development**

The Town of New Lebanon has received a \$2,500.00 grant from the Our Town Fund of Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation to support its Comprehensive Plan development.

The grant was announced by Jennifer Dowley, President of Berkshire Taconic, following approval by the Board of Directors on December 16, 2002. In a letter addressed to Jack Yurish, Chairman of the New Lebanon Comprehensive Plan Committee, Maeve O’Dea, Program Officer for the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation stated: “The Our Town Fund, a fund of the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation, is delighted to award a grant of \$2,500.00 to the Town of New Lebanon for a Comprehensive Plan contingent on the Town providing matching support as indicated in your project budget. Congratulations on this award. The process was competitive and the committee was impressed with the quality of your work and your intended use of the funds.”

Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation is a nonprofit organization that cultivates philanthropy in ways that have a direct impact in Berkshire, Columbia, northeast Dutchess and northwest Litchfield counties. For more information about the

Foundation please contact Berkshire Taconic at 271 Main Street, Suite 3, Great Barrington, MA, 800-969-2823, [info@berkshiretaconic.org](mailto:info@berkshiretaconic.org) or visit [www.berkshiretaconic.org](http://www.berkshiretaconic.org)

According to Mr. Yurish, the grant underscores the importance of the Comprehensive Plan: “The fact that a significant regional foundation is willing to commit funds to New Lebanon’s plan update is another reminder of how critical comprehensive planning is to our community’s future.” The grant, together with a grant awarded in September by the Hudson River Greenway, will be used to offset expenses incurred in developing and producing the Comprehensive Plan.

The Comprehensive Plan Committee was created to present the Planning Board with an updated Comprehensive Plan. The Plan has not been updated officially since first adopted in 1965.

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