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“The best laid plans of mice and Meg” have not gone astray. One in particular is just on hiatus, fully intent on returning in another form, perhaps a better fit and one that is meant to be.

After the initial shock wore off when I learned in my meeting with Hannaford’s representative, they were withdrawing, I knew we were not going to accept this as the end. The town’s well- informed planning board had diligently worked with the supermarket chain for over a year, moving it towards its natural completion which ironically just a week after their announcement, would have been a green light for them. I also had four separate meetings with Senior Site Project Engineer, J. Lord to receive updates on their progress and hear of challenges they still faced yet were meeting. I had no reason to doubt the success of this project at all as each time, he assured me they were not going anywhere, and each time, I expressed gratitude for their dedication to a project I probably would have withdrawn from a long time ago. Offers to personally support their own project by paying for the demolition and relocation of the OTB and Gallup Inn, tackling and meeting DOT’s endless demands—maybe a special team stays up nights dreaming of lists to send out right before permits are issued---and then working with the DEC’s requirements as well, created a nightmare situation that Hannaford had not encountered anywhere, ever. Ours is the first project they have pulled, and that is embarrassing as well as unacceptable.

In a statement placed on our town’s website September 14, 2011, I reminded you of the danger zone we would be entering if the town government took an aggressive stance and applied pressure on the private landowners. But that does not mean we cannot go after DOT and we will. We (I) will not tolerate any more unreasonable demands from DOT every time a business wishes to locate here—or anywhere for that matter, as they exert their power similarly over the entire state of New York. To be as professional and respectful as possible, the natural chain of command will be followed first, but if that does not produce results, I will go to the top. Literally. Yes, the Governor. No, I am not kidding because he should have final oversight to these strong-arming state departments. (Sometimes it does pay to be a Democrat, although the “D” after my name really means “dedicated”). In the meantime, we remain a food desert in need of an oasis and that is our NUMBER ONE priority!

A decision to hold a meeting with our Hannaford representative and discuss options, was made at an emergency LVBA gathering the day after the bad news, but I had a Board of Supervisors meeting in Hudson, and was completely unaware of the plans until the next day. When I was finally alerted to the meeting I was told it was to take place in Albany, although I had not been included, which I thought was an odd decision as I am the town’s supervisor! I would not have been able to attend anyway as I had one of my three monthly county commitments. So, I re-scheduled the meeting at the convenience of the Hannaford representative, since my schedule is far more flexible than his, and also included the chair of our town’s planning board, someone fully involved with their process from the very beginning last year. We discussed several options and problems with DOT and DEC, and decided to issue a press release to get the accurate information uniformly out to the public at the same time. So, we have not closed the book on them and Hannaford is still in the mix. Like any piece of fine crystal, we don’t want to shake the area too much and dash it all to bits. As usual, stay tuned if you haven’t been already.



*Diogenes searching in the day
with a lighted lantern for an
honest man and woman*

This newsletter never lets me forget the next update is the “L” word---landfill. The law firm Young and Somers in Albany is working with us to send off a packet of information, with a grant application, the closure plan, copies of consent orders to the DEC and a clear statement the town is not liable for the landfill's closure. This packet is our statement to DEC that we are on board with them, just not the ONLY board and they still need to see this burden to its conclusion. There is strength in numbers and we fight on.

The town budget is in progress, and my goal is to keep as close to 2011's 0% tax levy as I can. To comply with the 2% tax cap law passed in a hurry without the state fine-tuning its points, I will be attending as many seminars and workshops as there is time for, to understand its impact on our budget. There were 37 issues the state had not clarified regarding the cap, so naturally I am going to be vigilant where those issues affect us. I will also take into account school tax bills that doubled, taking many Seniors by surprise and causing an unexpected financial hardship before the holidays are here.

I AM happy to report it is not all gloom and doom as the rest of the town's and county's economy will begin to see an improvement in the next year, when we realize the tax revenues from the large companies like our very own RISA (steel frames) in New Lebanon, and Flanders (manufacturing air filters) and Local Ocean (“growing” food) in Hudson. Even on a smaller scale of economic support, depending on the tourist business, as you drive Cemetery Road, take note of what is added to our town's tourism draw by the now nearly 4 dozen Randall cows in the fields. Thank owner Cynthia Creech for saving an important view for the town, and helping promote tourism. (Her cows have a nice new home, now she needs one to stay close by. Anyone with supportive suggestions before winter sets in, get in touch with us at the town hall, or Cynthia herself.) With each day closer to our goals, we WILL see things get better.

This is the last quarterly newsletter of one of the most challenging years of my career as your supervisor. Yet, confidently I can say you were as informed as I possibly could keep you, hiding nothing from you, and with the natural grace a woman possesses, still handled attacks and accusations that I have not been your leader. So, keep checking our website for letters and updates between our newsletters. The holidays are fast approaching and there is much to do in the meantime. I wish you all well as we prepare for winter.

With warm wishes, I am always your faithful servant and Town Supervisor, *Margaret Robertson*

YOUR TOWN GOVERNMENT

In each issue, we will be highlighting one or two departments of the town government providing especially significant or interesting details and/or events for each department.

There are currently openings on the following Boards and Commissions:

Conservation Advisory Council

Ethics Board

Recreation Commission

Conservation Advisory Council: The New Lebanon Conservation Advisory Council (CAC) is seeking new members. The CAC can take up to four (4) members from the general public and two (2) youth members, age 16 – 18. All members must be able to attend monthly meetings, to fulfill the duties of the CAC, and to follow town procedures and protocols. Persons residing within the Town of New Lebanon and nonresidents who own property within the Town of New Lebanon are eligible for appointment to the CAC.

The CAC exists as an advisory-only council to the town board on matters of environmental concern to the townspeople and town board. The CAC is also going to be doing an Open Space Inventory and a Natural Resources Inventory for the town as part of their duties.

The CAC welcomes individuals with interest and/or expertise in issues such as land use, water quality, habitat preservation, GIS mapping, and conservation planning.

Ethics Board: The Ethics Board is seeking one (1) new member. Applicants must be residents of the Town of New Lebanon. Upon the written request of any Town officer or employee, the Board of Ethics may render a written advisory opinion with respect to the interpretation or application of the Town of New Lebanon's Code of Ethics or of Article 18 of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York. The Board of Ethics has the power and duty to conduct any investigation necessary to carry out the provisions of the Town of New Lebanon's Code of Ethics.

Recreation Commission: The Recreation Commission is seeking five (5) new members. Applicants must be residents of the Town of New Lebanon. The Recreation Commission is vested with the authority to establish, equip, operate, and maintain playground and community programs and facilities.

*The above are brief descriptions of the positions. For detailed information about any of the positions, you may visit the Town's website at www.townofnewlebanon.com and click on the "Town Codes and Laws" tab. Once on the **General Code ~ eCode360** page, select the appropriate chapter: **Conservation Advisory Council** ~ Chapter 9; **Code of Ethics** ~ Chapter 16; and **Recreation Commission** ~ Chapter 47. Additionally, you may contact the Town Clerk's Office at 794-8888 and request an email or paper copy of the appropriate chapter.*

Interested persons should submit a letter of interest addressed to the Town Board but submitted to the Town Clerk via email (townclerk@townofnewlebanon.com) or regular mail (P.O. Box 328, New Lebanon, NY 12125). Any questions, please contact the Town Clerk's Office.

NEW LEBANON HISTORY

During my research I have found that many New Lebanon residents were soldiers during the American Revolution. I wasn't surprised by the number of people who served in the War, but how they served and whom they served with, where they served and the battles they fought is what interests me.

As a student of American Revolution history it is interesting to see how these early New Lebanonites from a fledgling town in the wilderness served in some of the most famous battles of the war and were connected to some of the most well know figures and events of the eight year war for freedom. Some of the soldiers were Elisa Gilbert, Gideon King, Moses Younglove, Peleg Spencer, Bogarious Hatch, Ezra Gates, Aaron King, Samuel Jones, John Murdock and Asa Douglass to name a few. I have information on most of these people but for this newsletter I would like to give what information I have on Peleg Spencer who served many tours of duty during the American Revolution.

Peleg Spencer was born February 12 1759 in Wallingford, New Haven County, in Connecticut. He married Anne Smith (1770- 1863) on May 27 1790 and had nine children, Lucia, Horace, Lucy, Hiram, George, Phidelia, Ann Marie, Marcia and Harriet. Anne Smith and all the children were born in New Lebanon.

Peleg moved from Wallingford CT to near Richmond MA and at the age of sixteen volunteered in the service as a Minute Man after the news of the battle of Bunker Hill. He served under the command of Captain William Gaston in the regiment commanded by Colonel Rossiter of the Massachusetts Militia and marched for Cambridge near Boston " the object of the expedition was to oppose the British if they should attempt to penetrate into the interior of the Country". The British made no attempt to go inland and after four weeks Peleg returned to Richmond.

In December of 1775 he started his second tour of duty, this time he volunteered as a private in the Massachusetts Militia commanded by Colonel John Patterson for the time of one year. He was ordered back to Cambridge MA with his regiment and remained until March when Boston was bombarded and evacuated and ordered to march to New London and then embark for New York where they remained a short time and then ordered to Canada. His Regiment went to Albany by boat then to Fort Edward, Fort George then to Ticonderoga, then by boat to Crown Point on their way to Montreal. They march down the St. Laurence and met up with General Montgomery's Army on their retreat from Quebec. This larger force returned to Ticonderoga and remained long enough to make repairs to the fort and build a new fort across the lake called Mount Independence.

On the 12th of November his regiment was ordered to join General George Washington in Newtown Pennsylvania. They met up with Washington in Newtown and on December 25 they crossed the Delaware River under General Washington's command and attacked Trenton NJ after the battle they re-crossed the Delaware during a tremendous snow storm back to Newtown PA. They remained there for a few days and again crossed the Delaware for the second battle of Trenton and then back to Newtown. Four crossings of the Delaware in a few days in late December 1776 overshadows, the one famous crossing most of us are aware of. Bogarious Hatch of New Lebanon also crossed the Delaware with Washington and Spencer. That makes two early New Lebanonites involved in one of the most notable events of the American Revolution.

After the battles of Trenton another famous event came into Peleg Spencer and Hatch's soldier life. That event was the famous speech General Washington gave to his troops the very same men who were with him at the battles for Trenton. In January 1777 most of the troops under Washington had served their tour of duty including Peleg Spencer, this is when General Washington gave a speech to his troops that was so powerful that most if not all the troops reenlisted on the spot. Peleg signed on for two more months. On the second day of January 1777 they were attacked by Cornwallis and retreated to Princeton where they engaged and defeated the enemy and then they went to Morristown and remained until his tour expired.

In August of 1777 information about an attack on Bennington was eminent. Peleg again volunteered for service as a private under the command of Colonel Rossiter in a company commanded by Captain Gaston. He marched with his company toward Bennington, their mission was preventing an uprising of Tories involved in scouting parties. After six weeks of service he returned home.

In July of 1778 he volunteered as a private under the command of Captain Gidion King (of New Lebanon) to repel the incursions of the enemy on the Mohawk River. This expedition lasted four weeks then he returned home to New Lebanon which he resided in when he last volunteered for service.

In the fall of 1778 he again volunteered into service again under the command of Captain Gidion King for another expedition up the Mohawk River and to Fort Hunter for five weeks and returned home.

Then in September 1779 residing in New Lebanon news of raids from Canada brought about a call to arms and Peleg Spencer again volunteered for service under the command of Captain King of New Lebanon and his Lieutenant Aaron King also from New Lebanon and marched to the place of rendezvous near Bemus Heights. Ezra Gates of New Lebanon also fought at the battle of Bemus Heights. Peleg met up with one thousand men and was employed in scouting parties for eight weeks then returned home to New Lebanon.

When duty called again in October 1780 Peleg again volunteered this time under the command of Captain Elisa Gilbert (New Lebanon) and Lieutenant Samuel Jones. They marched to Albany to join Colonel Van Alstyne of Kinderhook and marched up the Mohawk River in pursuit of the British and their Native allies attacking Stone Arabia unfortunately arriving after the attack and while Stone Arabia was still burning. The regiment then moved on to Fort Herkimer and chased the enemy into the wilderness and then returned to Fort Herkimer. This tour of duty lasted another eight weeks and Peleg left for New Lebanon and started his civilian life after eight tours of duty in the war for America's fight for freedom. This was the beginning of the life of a man and his descendents who lived and served the New Lebanon community for many years to come.

This information about Peleg Spencer and his Revolutionary War record comes from Spencer's Pension Application for his service in the American Revolution filed in August of 1832 and was witnessed and signed by Peleg Spencer, Silas Churchill, John King and Elam Tilden.

Kevin Fuerst

New Lebanon Town Historian





BUSINESS IN TOWN

FARMERS MARKET

The Final Day of the Farmer's Market for this season will be October 9th, 2011 from 10:00am-2:00pm. This will be a Special Families Market Day with activities, which include pony rides (11am-1pm), jewelry making, goat milk demonstration, grass planting, live music by Matchstick Architects and much more. Please come to help celebrate the growing season and support or local farmers.



Shaker Mountain Farm and Canning Company

(www.shakermtn.com)

We have big plans for this fall and winter! Our winter squash has been harvested and looks gorgeous. Stop by to get a pumpkin to carve, or a butternut to eat. Our farm store is open Wednesdays from 11:00 am– 1:00 pm and Fridays from 11:00 am– 6:00 pm with a wide selection of jams, sauces, pickles and produce. We will be expanding our hours beginning in November and will be offering products from other local farmers (meat, cheese, eggs, honey, etc.) in addition to our own canned goods and produce. We will also be offering a winter CSA. For more information about any of these exciting new developments, please contact Layla at (646)-400-2580 or layla@shakermtn.com



Hurricane Irene

FEMA: INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE FOR RESIDENTS OF COLUMBIA COUNTY

If any homeowner/renter experienced damage to their property and would like to file a claim for reimbursement, they should register by calling 1-800-621-3362(FEMA) or online at www.disasterassistance.gov. Please register even if you have minor damage or something that you think may not be covered, as this will open up other avenues of assistance such as low interest loans through the Small Business Administration (SBA) and grant through FEMA. SBA is available even for homeowners and renters. The information that you will need when you apply is:

The address of your damaged home or apartment;

Names of people living in your household;

A description of your disaster damages;

Insurance information;

Your Social Security Number;

A telephone number where you can be reached or a message can be left for you; and

An address where you can get mail.

When you apply, you will be given a FEMA application number. Write down your application number and save it for future reference. You will need the application number whenever you contact FEMA. Only damages that are not covered by insurance can qualify for FEMA disaster assistance.

Columbia County School Queen

Congratulations to New Lebanon Senior Sarah Risko this years Columbia County School Queen!



Sarah is a New Lebanon High Senior and won the crown which is based on academics, poise, communication skills, character and a resume is submitted. This competition is held for Chatham, Germantown, Hudson, Icabod Crane, Taconic Hills and New Lebanon School Districts in Columbia County.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



ELECTION TIME

NOVEMBER 8th

Voter Registration must be filed 25 days prior to the election which would be October 14, 2011. Registration Forms are available at the Town Clerk's Office.



Absentee Ballot Applications must be filed no later than the 7th day before the election which would be November 1, 2011. Absentee Ballots Applications are also available at the Town Clerk's Office.

Your Local Government Positions up for Election are:

Town Supervisor	(2) Town Board Members
Town Clerk	Town Highway Superintendant
Town Justice	Tax Collector

FLU CLINIC

Lebanon Valley Seniors Flu Clinic is scheduled for November 1, 2011 from 9:30 am-11:30 at the Catholic Church.

Meet the Candidates

will be held October 20, 2011 @ 7:00pm at the Fire House

HUNTING LICENSES



The Town Clerks hours on Fridays will be from 9:00 am— 7:00 pm from August 15th—December 1st, along with our regular hours Monday, Wednesday and Thursdays from 9:00 am- 5:00 pm.

Left over DMPs will be available on a first come first serve bases on November 1st.

DEC has also included bear hunting in our area this year as well.

TOWN HALL PROJECT UPDATE:

The building committee met on September 22nd, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at the American Legion Hall. The building committee has been meeting since late 2010 and have exhausted many, many options for a town hall.

After much discussion the building committee has ruled out the Polacinski and Chittenden sites, Union Free School, Judy's Gifts, Donnelly building, and the American Legion Hall where we saw a scale model representing a Unified Service Building with the Fire Company and the current town hall.

We feel due to the economy it is in the best interest of the town to keep the cost low and to think seriously about only adding on the meeting room for the court to the old town hall that was removed many years ago. Doing this would allow us to stay put where we are now and getting us out of the American Legion Hall, which would be cost effective and make it so we would only have one building to maintain instead of two. Yes we know that we are recommending staying at the current town hall, but we would be making renovations in stages instead of buying more property or building a new town hall which could cost over a million dollars.

After meeting with the town architect, Joe Iuviene, he gave us his perspective on the cost of 1700 sq. ft. consisting of two judges offices and two handicapped bathrooms and a small conference room and the meeting hall. Also included in the construction cast was the vault, and handicapped entrance. The construction cost for this addition will be \$360,000 which also includes the contingency fees, such as lawyers, architect and engineering cost. This project would be paid for with the capital reserve fund making it a zero increase to the tax payers.

If the town board will commit to a maintenance plan strictly for the up keep and renovation of the current town hall in five to ten years we would have a town hall what we could be proud of.

Now what we are looking for, is the town's people to give us their input on what we are proposing to the town board next month. If you have anything to say, please email www.deputytownclerk@townofnewlebanon.com or call Donna Smith @ 794-9425.

Respectfully,

Donna L. Smith, Committee Chairperson

Senior News

HEAP

HEAP – the heating assistance program – helps lower-income Seniors and others pay for the fuel they use to heat their homes. Those of you who received HEAP last year should already have received the renewal form. Unlike previous years, you need to complete the full application. If you did not get the renewal form, called the Office for the Aging at 828-4258.

The Federal Government funds HEAP, and because of cuts in that budget, assistance this year will be lower than last year. The benefit will be \$450 for oil, propane or kerosene, and \$250 for wood, coal, natural gas or electric heat.

If you are not currently receiving HEAP, but would like to receive it, the income limits are \$2146 monthly for a single person, or \$2806 for a couple. Although the applications forms had formerly been available on November 1, this year the date has been changed to November 16. Forms for new applicants are not available before that date. You can call the Office for the Aging before that date to request that a form be mailed to you, or you can get a form after November 16 from the New Lebanon Town Clerk.

Open Enrollment for Health Insurance

The open enrollment period for Seniors to change their Medicare health insurance or prescription drug program has been moved up this year. Changes can be made between October 15 and December 7, but the changes will not take effect until January 1. It is good to check the coverage of your current programs to make sure they are providing the best coverage for your health and drug needs.

If you want an appointment to check your coverage, call Kathy Murnane at 441-4305, or call the Office for the Aging to make an appointment.

Medicare Savings Programs and Food Stamps

Many Seniors have complained about the need to go to the Department of Social Services in Hudson and wait in a long line to apply for Food Stamps or the Medicare Savings Programs.

Catholic Charities – 431 East Allen St. in Hudson, 828-8660 – can help Seniors apply for Food Stamps. If your income is below \$1805 a month for a household of one person, or \$2428 for a two-person household, you could be eligible.

The Medicare Savings Programs can help pay your Medicare premiums and may help pay your Medicare deductibles and coinsurance. If your income is below \$1246 for an individual or \$1675 for a couple, call the Healthcare Consortium at 822-8820 or Kathy Murnane at 441-4305 for assistance in applying for this program.

Office for the Aging/Health Care Consortium

The Office for the Aging provides a number of services for Seniors, including Meals on Wheels, and assistance with getting services that help Seniors remain in their homes. Call 828-4258.

The Healthcare Consortium/NY Connects can provide transportation to Doctors' appointments, help for paying for costly prescriptions not covered under Part D of Medicare and many other services. Call 877-260-9244.

You can also call Kathy Murnane of New Lebanon for questions on available services for Seniors.

Town's Role in Hannaford Project

Folks are more than a little upset about losing the Hannaford store and might be asking; what was the Town's role in all of this?

The Town has a direct role in the approval process as spelled out in our zoning regulations, and Hannaford submitted plans to the Town for site plan approval. This process went smoothly and representatives from Hannaford have been very complementary about how they were treated by the Town. Hats off to our Planning Board and hard working employees, especially Cissy Hernandez, Planning and Zoning Board Clerk.

The Town has also adopted a comprehensive plan, which outlines the vision for our future. The Hannaford proposal was totally consistent with this "master plan". This fact is of significance in the environmental review process and is supposed to be taken into consideration by other State agencies during their permit review process.

The Town has been proactively engaged in this process and has had a standing offer to Hannaford to offer any assistance they could. At one point earlier in the year, the Town took a very active role in pushing back at some of the Department of Transportation (DOT) requests that were seen as unreasonable.

At the end of the day, the numbers just didn't work for Hannaford. The projected revenues were not enough to justify the costs of the project. This was in part due to some of the regulatory requirements, especially those of DOT. Could DOT be persuaded to change their mind? Perhaps, but Hannaford was unwilling to expend any more time on that issue, and did not ask for the Town's help. Why? Because this is not the only project in the State or even Columbia County that Hannaford is working on that required DOT permits. It is typically not good business to go to war with those who hold necessary approvals over your head.

This project also died in part because of negotiations between private parties, in this case between the existing plaza owners and Hannaford. Private negotiations are just that, private, and not a place the Town should be involved unless invited, which we were not.

What positive actions can the Town take moving forward? The Town can and will make every effort to attract a new grocer to Town and help them through the permitting process. But at the end of the day, we need a dance partner. We need someone in the private sector to have the vision, tenacity, wherewithal and financial resources to bring a new grocery store to our Town. I believe folks will reward such an effort and make a new, well run, grocery store very profitable.

In the long term the Town needs to look at providing public water and sewer. Frankly, there is not much support for investing (spending and incurring debt) in anything, even needed infrastructure that will promote economic development and payoff in the long run. We need to differentiate between spending that is an investment in our future economic survival and spending that is less critical or wasteful.

The Town also needs to get the speed reduced through the Rt. 20/22 Town Center and work with DOT to narrow the road through Town. We have already started on this effort. The Town applied for a planning grant this month to "re-vision" and redesign the Rt. 20/22 corridor. The grant, if awarded, would fund a design competition with categories for professionals and interested citizens. Let's all work together and support these efforts.

Doug Clark, Deputy Supervisor – 9/23/11

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I also would appreciate your input on the
newsletter

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APPOINTED POSITIONS AVAILABLE:

RECREATION COMMISSION
ETHICS BOARD
CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL



TOWN TIDBITS AND HISTORY

The compass stands for direction, the book stands for knowledge,
and the torch stands for vision – these are the components of the
New Lebanon town seal.

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

TOWN BOARD:

Meets the 2nd Monday of each month.

Other Meetings:

Budget Workshop–October 3rd @ 7:00pm



ZONING BOARD:

Meets the 1st Tuesday of each month.

PLANNING BOARD:

Meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

American Legion
Hall
7 Mill Road.,
New Lebanon

Senior Meeting and Senior Meetings and Programs 2011

Tentative Schedule Subject to Change

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| October 7th | Regular Meeting:
Program-Birthday Party |
| October 21 | Regular Meeting:
Program– Auction |
| November 4 | Regular Meeting:
Program-Floral Demonstration |
| November 18 | Thanksgiving Dinner
Place to be Announced |
| December 2 | Regular Meeting:
Program-to be announced |
| December 16 | Regular Meeting:
Program-Christmas Party |

If you have questions please contact Wanda Pritchett, President of the Lebanon Valley Seniors

@ 794-7472

Well the 1st year of our newsletter was and still is a project in the making, but I believe it has been a success. We try to get the information out to you in the most cost effective way. There is a lot of information to cover, but it is information you as our residents need to be aware of on many levels. These are some of the issue we covered in the previous newsletters and the results of the information we gave you:

- * The Department of Health stated this was the greatest turnout for the Rabies Clinic they have seen here in New Lebanon. We believe that the residents were perhaps unaware of the free service they offer each year.
- * We received many calls regarding the Exemptions on property taxes. So many did not know they even existed or perhaps didn't think they qualified.
- * We made residents aware of the new Burn Laws and Restrictions the State has implemented.
- * The Building Committee is keeping our residents informed on the progress of the Town Hall Project.
- * The Town Historian has shared bits of Town history that I am sure many of us, including myself, have found very interesting.
- * Many of you took advantage of the NYSERDA Program.
- * Seniors now know when they have meetings and what type of services are available to them.
- * Hunters were informed of the many changes that DEC has implemented this year.
- * Residents have learned what our Building and Zoning departments require for certain projects you may be doing.
- * Many of our pet owners have opted for the 3 year license we now offer which you may not have known about.
- * Our Town Supervisor keeps everyone abreast of the most prominent issue affecting the Town in each edition.
- * We shared with you the new businesses that have come to our town.

I have received a lot of feedback and mostly good. Regardless of good or bad I still need your input. If there is something you would like to see , please email me @ deputytownclerk@townofnewlebanon.com.

We hope you all enjoy the many holidays that will occur before the next edition of the Newsletter which will arrive in your mailboxes in January 2012.

Darla Dobert, Deputy Town Clerk