

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF
THE NEW LEBANON TOWN BOARD ON
A PROPOSED HUD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION
HELD ON JANUARY 11, 2010**

Present: Margaret Robertson, Supervisor
Allen Livermore, Councilmember
Bruce Baldwin, Councilmember
Doug Clark, Councilmember

Absent: Karl (K.B.) Chittenden, Councilmember

Recording Secretary: Colleen Teal, Town Clerk
Darla Dobert, Deputy Town Clerk

Others Present: Sonya Van Bortel, Town Attorney
Monte Wasch, Deputy Town Supervisor
Lori Bashur, Mid-Town Mall
Adele Lee, Mid-Town Mall
Leonard (Rocky) Brown
Winfried Fuchshofen
Silke Fuchshofen
Trina Porte, Planning Board Member
Vivien Steinberg, LVBA
Peggy Hawkins, LVBA
Fiona Lally, LVBA President
Joanna Johnson-Smith
Kevin Smith
Alex Olchowski
Robert Mittnacht
Several other members of the public

CALL TO ORDER:

Supervisor Robertson called the meeting to order at 6:55 p.m.

PROOF OF PUBLICATION AND POSTING:

Town Clerk Teal provided the Town Board with proof of publication and posting and read the published public notice as follows:

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TOWN OF NEW LEBANON
COUNTY OF COLUMBIA**

**Informational Meeting on HUD Community
Development Block Grant for Mid-Town Mall**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of New Lebanon on Monday, January 11, 2010 at 6:45 p.m. at the American Legion Hall at 7 Mill Road in New Lebanon, New York regarding the proposed application by the Mid-Town Mall for a HUD Community Development Block Grant, for the purpose of creating moderate income housing. Said public hearing is for the purpose of giving the public information and for receiving public input.

By order to the New Lebanon Town Board
Colleen Teal, Town Clerk

INFORMATION PROVIDED TO THE PUBLIC:

Monte Wasch presented information on the proposed grant application. It is a Community Development Block Grant offered by the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development. The main thrust of the program is to promote commercial and economic development programs and primarily housing through HUD. The one project in New Lebanon that is "shovel ready" for this program is the development of the Mid-Town Mall as a venue for eight (8) apartments for moderate income housing. Also, other related programs will assist the owners of the Mid-Town Mall to promote and develop businesses in the lower portion of the mall. Mr. Wasch requested that, as the first step, the town board adopt a resolution to be submitted to the Columbia County Economic Development Director, Ken Flood, asking for a Community Development Block Grant for New Lebanon.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

General questions:

Rocky Brown asked if the money would go to Mid-Town Mall or to the Town. Mr. Wasch explained that the money would go to the Mid-Town Mall through the Town but that there would be no expenditure required by the Town.

The following persons spoke in favor of the Town of New Lebanon sponsoring a HUD Community Development Block Grant application:

Winfried Fuchshofen,
Trina Porte,
Silke Fuchshofen,
Vivien Steinberg,
Peggy Hawkins,
Fiona Lally,
Joanna Johnson-Smith,
Alex Olchowski, and
Robert Mittnacht.

No one spoke opposing the application.

All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, a motion was made by Councilmember Livermore, seconded by Councilmember Baldwin, and approved to close the Public Hearing at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Teal, RMC
Town Clerk