

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF
THE NEW LEBANON TOWN BOARD
ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW ESTABLISHING INCOME LEVELS
FOR REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR CITIZENS
SIXTY-FIVE YEARS OF AGE OR OVER
HELD ON JUNE 9, 2015**

Present: Michael Benson, Supervisor
Dan Evans, Councilmember
Chuck Gerald, Councilmember
Irene Hanna, Councilmember

Absent: Matthew Larabee, Councilmember

Recording Secretary: Colleen Teal, Town Clerk

Others Present: Andy Howard, Attorney for the Town
Cynthia Creech, Deputy Court/Assessor's Clerk;
Recreation Commission, CAC, & Zoning Re-Write
Committee Member
Ted Salem, Zoning Board of Appeals Member & Zoning
Re-Write Committee Chair
Robert Smith, Planning Board Member
Jack Nevers, Town Justice
Gregg Gilliland, LVPA
Thaddeus Flint, Reporter for *The Eastwick Press*
Gail Heinsohn, Reporter for *The Chatham Courier*
Several members of the public

CALL TO ORDER:

Supervisor Benson called the public hearing to order at 6:45 p.m.

PROOF OF PUBLICATION AND POSTING:

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
OF THE TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF NEW LEBANON
COUNTY OF COLUMBIA

**PROPOSED LOCAL LAW ESTABLISHING INCOME LEVELS FOR REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS
FOR CITIZENS SIXTY-FIVE YEARS OF AGE OR OVER**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board has proposed a local law entitled *Establishing Income Levels for Real Property Tax Exemptions for Citizens Sixty-five Years of Age or Over* that will establish real property tax income levels for senior citizens and govern the filing of exemption applications after the applicable taxable status date. A copy of said proposed law is available for public review in the office of the New Lebanon Town Clerk during regular office hours and is available on the town website at www.townofnewlebanon.com.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a public hearing upon said proposed local law will be held at the Town Hall at 14755 Route 22 in New Lebanon on the 9th day of June 2015, at 6:30 p.m. and that an opportunity to be heard will be given to those favoring or opposing the passage of said proposed law.

Colleen Teal
Town Clerk
06/01/2015

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Robert Smith asked for clarification of what the law is about. Attorney Howard noted that annual income and exemption levels in the proposed local law already exist in the New Lebanon Town Code. The reason for this proposed local law is that the Assessor came to us and requested that we adopt Subdivision C of the proposed law that allows her to accept a late filing under certain specific circumstances that she is not allowed to accept if we do not adopt this provision. In order to ensure that people that were entitled to those exemptions were able to file for them if they had a demonstrated problem, she requested that the town board consider this proposed local law.

The following persons spoke in favor of the above noted proposed local law:

Jagat Pandy and
Joan Phelps.

No one spoke opposing the above noted proposed local law.

All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, a motion was made by Supervisor Benson, seconded by Councilmember Hana, and approved to close the public hearing at 6:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Teal
New Lebanon Town Clerk