

TOWN OF NEW LEBANON
RESOLUTION #32, 2017 ~ ACCEPTANCE OF THE *NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION PLAN INVENTORY FOR THE TOWN OF NEW LEBANON 2017* WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE TOWN CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL
DECEMBER 12, 2017

At the Regular Monthly Meeting of the New Lebanon Town Board, held at the New Lebanon Town Hall at 14755 Route 22, New Lebanon, New York, duly called and held on the 12th day of December 2017, the following Resolution was proposed and seconded:

Proposed by Supervisor Teal
Seconded by Councilmember Smith Sr.

WHEREAS the Conservation Advisory Council (CAC) for the Town of New Lebanon has assisted in the preparation of a *Natural Resource Conservation Plan for the Town of New Lebanon 2017* (NRCP), consisting of an inventory of data collection and information designed to assist the Town, its various boards and the public in identifying and considering important resources located within the Town; and

WHEREAS this NRCP was made possible by a grant of \$21,540 from the Hudson River Estuary Program, awarded on November 18, 2015, with funding continuing through October 31, 2017; and

WHEREAS this grant allowed the Town of New Lebanon to contract with Hudsonia Ltd. to work with the CAC as a consultant and write the plan; and

WHEREAS Hudsonia Ltd. subcontracted Conrad Vispo and Claudia Knab-Vispo of the Hawthorne Valley Farmscape Ecology Program to share their extensive collection of New Lebanon data and their detailed knowledge of habitats throughout the town; and

WHEREAS the Darrow School offered its facilities, staff and students during Hands to Work sessions every Wednesday morning, beginning on December 9, 2015, and concluding on May 18, 2016, to assist with the remote mapping project to identify small streams, small wetlands and "ancient forests" that began the active phase of creating the plan; and

WHEREAS CAC members devoted more than 700 volunteer hours to the project between submitting the grant application by the deadline of 2:00 P.M. on June 15, 2015, and distributing bound copies of the NRCP on November 6, 2017; and

WHEREAS CAC members made site verification visits to more than 22 properties in town with landowner permission, covering more than 4603 acres of the Town's 20,995 acres or 22 percent of the total acreage; and

WHEREAS the NRCP contains extensive maps and descriptions of the town's mineral, water, and biological resources and their significance to the New Lebanon community; and

WHEREAS the NRCP, with a prominent "How to Use" section at the beginning of the document, has been distributed to all board members in New Lebanon – Town Board, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals – to assist with town-wide planning and policy-making for uses and stewardship of the Town's natural resources; and

WHEREAS the NRCP is posted in its entirety on the Town's web site for access by the public, and bound copies are available for sale at a reasonable cost; and

WHEREAS the NRCP data files belong to the Town of New Lebanon and can therefore be updated as necessary in the future; and

WHEREAS the acceptance and approval of the NRCP (for the Town of New Lebanon 2017 below, is a type 2 action under the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act, pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.5 (c) (18) for which no further action under SEQRA is required;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of New Lebanon accepts and approves, for informational and educational purposes, the *Natural Resource Conservation Plan for the Town of New Lebanon 2017, created with the assistance of the town's Conservation Advisory Council*, as an inventory of data collection identifying important community resources within the Town of New Lebanon; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the information contained therein shall be made available to the various Boards and Agencies within the Town, as well as the Public in general, to assist in the development, management and protection of the Town's natural resources; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the acceptance and approval of the Natural Resource Conservation Plan for the Town of New Lebanon, 2017, and any recommendations regarding municipal actions which may be taken, as provided therein, shall in no way be deemed binding upon the Town's various Boards or agencies with regard to present or future actions. By adopting the Natural Resource Conservation Plan, it is the intent of the Town Board that this valuable and comprehensive inventory of the Town's natural resources be referred to often by the Town Boards, Agencies and Public to assist in the development, management and protection of these invaluable resources. It is the further intent of the Town Board, to periodically update and/ or amend this Plan as may be appropriate in the future.

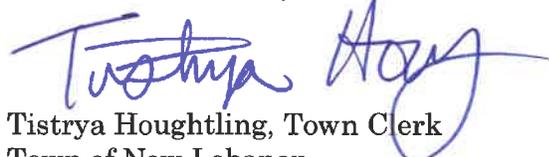
Upon the question of the foregoing Resolution, the following Town Board Members voted "Aye" or "Nay" for said Resolution:

Roll Call Vote:

Councilmember Geraldini – Aye
Councilmember Smith – Aye
Supervisor Teal – Aye
Councilmember Evans – Absent
Councilmember Baumli – Aye

The Resolution, having been approved by a majority vote of the Town Board, was declared duly adopted by the Supervisor of the Town of New Lebanon.

Dated: December 12, 2017


Tistrya Houghtling, Town Clerk
Town of New Lebanon