

Lebanon Valley
Business Association
PO Box 25
New Lebanon, NY

Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 10, 2005
Darrow School Samson
Environmental Center

- I) Vice President, Pete Rawson, called the meeting to Order
- II) Introductions
- III) Secretary's Report
 - A. January Minutes were handed out since they were e-mailed very recently
 - B. If you have not filled out a Security Form and would like to please contact Kristin Knickerbocker.
- IV) Treasurer's Report
 - A. Unchanged from last month with the exception of one new member.
- V) Old Business
 - A. Website is proceeding now that board members have been briefed on the matter.
 - B. Date to be set for next year's tree lighting after Darrow Revels 2005 is scheduled.
 - C. Different Banners for poles will be investigated.
- VI) New Business
 - A. Town Liaison Report, David Katzenstein
 - 1. Comprehensive plan has been approved.
 - 2. Planners have been invited to submit bids for writing new Zoning Ordinance.
 - 3. Frazier Associates is preparing a grant for the zoning writing.
 - 4. Optimally Zoning Ordinance will be written within one year.
 - 5. Town Hall building situation requires professional design assistance.
 - 6. Moratorium on cell towers until new Ordinance is adopted.
 - B. Clean-up Project
 - 1. Student involvement would be ideal.
 - 2. Vivian Steinberg is collecting information on available services.
 - C. Membership drive will be starting again. Get the word out that individuals interested in the economic development of New Lebanon can join.
 - D. Doug Clark asked that the following be read:
 - 1. *At an earlier meeting it was discussed that a program to plant trees in the right of way along 20/22 may be undertaken.*
 - 2. *As a precursor, cross-walks placed in that area are being proposed.*
 - 3. *Doug Clark has subsequently met with DOT planners and spoken with Larry Benson and Al Wheeler regarding this issue.*
 - 4. *There is precedence for crosswalks to be installed on 20 (Catholic Church and the Speedway).*
 - 5. *The process to have crosswalks installed would be:*
 - a. *The Town writes a request letter to the State.*
 - b. *The County Traffic Coordinator (Dave Staats) would endorse the letter.*
 - 6. *The Town would like to have a letter from the LVBA initiating the request for the crosswalks so that they have something to consider and act upon to begin the process of requesting them.*
 - E. The request for a letter from LVBA was discussed. Three main issues were summarized as follows:
 - 1. Speed limit on 20 should be lowered
 - 2. Crosswalks on a busy thoroughfare are dangerous
 - 3. A crosswalk in conjunction with a streetlight at the corner of 20 and West street could be investigated

- VII) Guest Speaker, Peter Quinn, Deacon Immaculate Conception Church
 - A. Senior Housing: Many of the Church's congregation are aging and can no longer take care of their homes. Many would prefer to remain in the area if appropriate accommodations existed for them.
 - B. Immaculate Conception Church has received a letter from the Bishop allowing them to investigate the feasibility of developing Senior Housing on their property.
 - C. Catholic Charities of Diocese of Albany has a specific company with whom they work exclusively to determine feasibility and develop such projects.
- VIII) Upcoming Meeting, March 10th at 1:00 at the Triple Nickel, Guest Speaker will be Kristen Litwin, Library Services and Technology Art Fund "Get a Competitive Edge".
- IX) Meeting adjourned at 7:40.

Attendees:

Christine Dreyfus	
Rick Gillespie	Creekside Woodworking
Shelly Hughes	Darrow School
David Katzenstein	Vertical Spirit Trapeze + Town Board
Kristin Knickerbocker	Spring Line Design
Marcia Maper	Marcia Mayer Computing, New Lebanon Historical Society
Kay McMahon	The Triple Nickel
Peter Rawson	Rawson Realty
Sue M Robert	Shed Man
Peter Quinn	Immaculate Conception, Charlie's Pantry
Monte Wasch	Global Spec