

# New Lebanon & Nassau

## NEW LEBANON

### Planning/Ethics Board Member Removed

by Doug La Rocque

At a public hearing on Wednesday, April 21, the New Lebanon Town Board voted four in favor with one abstention (Board Member Norman Rasmusen) to remove Robert Smith from both the Planning Board and the Ethics Board for cause. The cause, as elaborated at the meeting and viewed on TownHall-Streams, was the allegation that Mr. Smith refused to pull up a mask at a March 17 Planning Board meeting as is part of the town's COVID-19 policy when asked to do so by board chair Elizabeth Brutsch. He then referred to her as a b\*\*ch.

As the public hearing/special meeting progressed, Town Attorney Jon Tingley outlined the procedure by which a sitting Board member could be removed, with Mr. Smith's attorney countering that state law saying one cannot be removed simply for stating an opinion. Her contention was that was

all Mr. Smith was doing.

Also entered into evidence were four affidavits, three of which testified as to Mr. Smith's comments, while the other supported his actions of that evening.

Following the attorney's statements, Supervisor Tistrya Houghtling offered each Board member a chance to speak, with Jesse Newton asking Mr. Smith if he cared to apologize for his statement. Mr. Smith answered no. Asked by the Supervisor if he wished to make any comments, Mr. Smith was heard to refer to the Supervisor as a b\*\*ch, his wife as a b\*\*ch and used the term to refer to all women. He also reiterated his actions did not support removal.

With little more discussion, the Board then voted to remove him from both positions. It will now be up to the Town Board to fill the vacancy on Planning and Ethics Boards at a future meeting.

The meeting was then adjourned.

## NASSAU

### Walk-in COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic Scheduled

The Nassau Pharmacy will conduct a COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic on Thursday, May 6 from 10 am to 4 pm. Pre-registration is available at <https://form.jotform.com/211014176888155> but walk-ins are welcome. All three formulations of the vaccine will be available. The Pharmacy is located at 3541 U.S. Route 20 in Nassau.

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### Summer Youth Program

The New Lebanon Summer Youth Program will go forward as scheduled this year, beginning on June 28 and running through August 20. To receive a 20 percent discount, children must be registered by June 15. The final registration date is July 1.

For more information please contact Program Director Michelle Bienes at 518-788-1150.

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### Democratic Caucus And Fundraiser

Notice is hereby given to the enrolled Democrats of the Town of New Lebanon that a Caucus for the purpose of nominating candidates for election to Town Offices at the General Election to be held on November 2 will be held at The Immaculate Conception Church, 732 Route 20, New Lebanon, NY, 12125 on Saturday, June 5 at 11 am. COVID-19 safety protocols such as mask wearing and social distancing will be followed. If possible, please bring your own folding chair. The caucus will be held outside on the lawn if weather permits or will be held inside the church if the weather is rainy.

#### Delgado Will Address Fundraiser

Congressman Antonio Delgado will be the Key-

note Speaker at a New Lebanon Democratic Committee fundraiser on Saturday, May 22 from 1 to 2 pm. The event is hosted by New Lebanon town supervisor Tistrya Houghtling.

Friends, sponsors and host committee will be announced via social media as well as acknowledged by name at the event.

Pre-register and pay at: <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/05.2201f> or mail a check payable to the New Lebanon Democrats to Kris Cottom, New Lebanon Democrats Treasurer, 563 Canaan Rd, Canaan, NY 12029. Please be sure to include your email address if mailing a check. Once payment is received, you will receive a link to the event.

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### Bake Sale

On Saturday May 8, the Lebanon Valley Woman's Club will be having a bake sale. It will be in front of the Family Dollar, 500 US Route 20 in New Lebanon. The time is 9 am to 3 pm. There will be a delicious assortment of homemade baked goods. The proceeds will go to the Lore Squier Memorial Scholarship Fund. The scholarship and awards will go to New Lebanon High School students. We also support many other charities. Hope to see you there. The rain date is Saturday, May 15.

## Boys and Girls Soccer

Compiled by Steve Bradley



#### Boys Soccer

Hoosick Falls	2	3	5
Spa Catholic	0	1	1

Tuesday, 4/27. Hoosick Falls' Brendan Grenoble scored the first three goals of the game with one assist from Alex Salvesvold and another from Max Archanmbaulx. Panthers Ryan LaPorte and Garrett Smith scored later in the game.

Hoosick Falls	2	1	3
Berlin/New Lebanon	1	0	1

Monday, 4/26. Conner Jones had two goals and Alex Salvesvold had one as Hoosick Falls topped Berlin/New Lebanon.

Tamarac	0	0	0
Mechanicville	4	4	8

Mechanicville, this year's dominant boys soccer team, rolled over the Bengals on this day. Burdick had 16 saves for Tamarac.

Brenden Grenoble goes up high to get his head on the ball against Spa Catholic Tuesday afternoon at the Hoosick Soccer Fields. Photo by Steve Bradley.

#### Girls Soccer

Cambridge	2	1	3
Hoosick Falls	0	1	1

Monday, 4/26. Addison Gates scored twice and Alexciyah Woodworth added one as the Indians handled the Panthers. Sydney Kasulinous scored for Hoosick Falls. Cambridge goalie McKayla McLenithan had eight saves, Hoosick Falls goalie Olivia Estes had four.

Stillwater	1	1	2
Tamarac	1	0	1

Monday, 4/26. Stillwater's Isabella Estill scored a goal in each half to lead the team to the win. Abby Buckley had the Bengal's lone goal, with an assist from Shannon Ryan. Stillwater's Kiersten Conroy had twelve saves, Tamarac's Jenna Hunt had ten.

Tamarac	4	0	4
Spa Catholic	0	0	0

Saturday, 4/24. Abbey Buckley scored three goals and Bre Aventsens as the Bengals roared out to a 4-0 lead they maintained for the remainder of the game. Spa's Emily Wenke was seeing soccer balls coming at her in her sleep that night after having 32 saves.