

Town of New Bremen
Zoning Board of Appeals
August 18, 2025
6:00 PM

Minutes

Board Members Present: Jessica Clemons, McKenzie Lehman, Jon Roes

Also Present: Tom Kovach (Planning Board), Tim Lee (Planning Board), Cheyenne Steria (Naturally Lewis)

I. Roll Call

- a. The ZBA and Planning Board met as the Comprehensive Plan Committee (CPC) in lieu of the Planning Board's regularly scheduled meeting, as there was no new business for either board. The CPC called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

II. Old Business

a. Comprehensive Plan

Ms. Steria of Naturally Lewis attended the CPC meeting to learn about the Town's goals and what Naturally Lewis can do to help the Town meet their goals. The group debriefed her on the Comprehensive Plan progress and explained that they are currently looking at funding options for assistance with the Plan. Unfortunately, the Town of New Bremen was deemed ineligible for a recent opportunity that arose for Adirondack Park communities completing Comprehensive Plans.

The group discussed some of the topics that have come up through the survey that was posted on the Town of New Bremen's website, such as blight, development, and bringing businesses to the Town. They also discussed sprawl outside of the Hamlet of New Bremen versus focusing on development within the Hamlet.

Ms. Steria discussed a grant opportunity through Naturally Lewis, which is due October 2nd. The development of a Comprehensive Plan for the Town of New Bremen would fit the requirements for Naturally Lewis's Community Connections Grant, which would amount to approximately \$7,000. Awards are anticipated to be announced in November or December of this year. Ms. Lehman will look into the grant further and share her findings with the rest of the CPC, who will then decide if this is an opportunity they would like to present to the Town Board. Ms. Lehman will also reach out to Lewis County to see if they have any additional grant opportunities.

III. New Business

The ZBA did not have any new business to review at this meeting.

IV. Next Meeting

It was determined that unless any new business is received for the Planning Board and ZBA, both boards will plan to hold their September meeting together on Monday, September 29th at 6:00 PM.

V. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.