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Business Committee Chairman Remembered for Community Service

It's not easy assuming a leadership role during a pandemic, but Robert "Bob" Leggett did it willingly and enthusiastically when he became chairman of the Town Business Liaison Committee (TBLC) in 2020. Upon learning of his death on Sunday, July 17, 2022, Town leaders reflected on Leggett's ability to bring people together for the greater good of the community.

"Bob loved Vienna and wanted to make a difference in his community," said Mayor Linda Colbert, who often visited local businesses with him. "In his role as TBLC Chairman, he actively helped connect struggling businesses with resources to help them survive COVID-related economic hardship, and that made all the difference to their survival."

Leggett, a retired CIA analyst and senior executive, was first appointed to the TBLC in 2017 and became chairman three years later, about the time the Town of Vienna appointed its first economic development manager. Leggett is widely remembered for leading the committee through the transition period by helping to define its evolving role in the Town's economic development strategy.

"Bob cared deeply about the business community," said Economic Development Manager Natalie Monkou. "He understood the value of the TBLC's institutional knowledge, and he made it a point to foster collaboration between the TBLC and the economic development office to problem solve and to define emerging roles."

Because of Bob's love of Vienna, the Leggett family notified Town leaders on Monday, July 18, 2022, that in lieu of flowers, they are asking that donations be made to the Town of Vienna. More information about the Bob Leggett Memorial Fund and ways to donate are available online: www.viennava.gov/LeggettMemorial.

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