

Notes: February 2, 2008

Attendance:

Bill Dietrich

Shawn Donovan

Catherine Connelly

Peter Stanley

Paul Dalton

John Tuthill

Jim Taylor

Bernie Folta

Nancy Marishio

Joan Monroe

Richard Winters

Christine Walker

Rachel Ruppel

Nate Miller

Jenny Devost

Deb Maes

The Commission NOW

Consumer of money without perceivable payback

Administrator of State & Federal Program funds

Visionary for Short Term and Very Long term

Incubator of Planning Subgroups

Educational Information/Workshops

Source of expertise/technical resource center

Model of Regionalism

Coordinate Communication/cooperation between towns for matters within a town

Balance of Localism & Regionalism

Source of Information Re: funding sources for towns

Voice for the land ignoring political boundaries

Connector of Communities

Changing in Process

Information clearinghouse

Project Doers

The “three shalls” in Chapter 36—not necessarily being followed (everything else is a ‘may’)

GIS Resource

Facilitating Interaction between municipalities and sub-regions

Resource in all areas of Planning

The Commission FUTURE

Staff vibrant and strong morale

Advocacy

Stronger advocacy voice for regional concerns

Improved relationships between planning boards and the Commission

Fostering inter-municipal cooperation and food will and educating how to accomplish

Reconfigure territory

Full representation and participation from all towns in commission district

Center of Planning Excellence

Energy Planning

Planning Campus

Experts

Doing the “Nows” and a Model for the state

Partnership

Support and focus on local and regional economics

Part of All four categories

Greater issues of planning issues in towns and increased ability to assist with these issues

Stronger C.E.P --Communication, Education, Participation

Incentives to use the commission

Next Steps

- 1) transcribe notes, send to all commissioners with request for input
- 2) Share info with full commissioners meeting on Feb 20, Lebanon Sr Center, 6 PM
- 3) Reconvene Strategic Planning Committee to study information
- 4) 3-4 sessions throughout district for community input