

**New Lebanon Planning Board
Comprehensive Plan Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 20, 2003**

The Comprehensive Plan Committee held a general session in the New Lebanon Town Hall. The meeting commenced at 7:00 P.M. The members in attendance were: T. Benson, D. Clark, C. Dreyfus, D. Mieschonz, L. Poulton, P. Rawson, J.Yurish. Also in attendance was consultant, N. Stolzenburg.

The agenda for the meeting was as follows:

- Key Issues**
- Goals & Objectives**
- Public Awareness**
- Profile**

Key Issues:

The bulk of the time spent during this meeting, centered on discussion and clarification of the key issues, resulting from the workshops and the survey. The group focused on the summary of issues prepared by N. Stolzenburg. Ms. Stolzenburg led the group in this effort.

An overview of the issue areas and sub-topics is reflected on the following page.

Key Issue Summary

- Demographics

- School age children
- Senior citizens
- Seasonal v full time residents

- Housing

- Senior
- Mobile homes
- Multi-family dwellings
- Affordability

- Economics

- Diversity of retail business
- Appearance of commercial areas
- Develop a Town center
- Tourism

- Transportation & Circulation

- Pedestrian friendly downtown
- Reduced speed limits
- Pedestrian safety
- Speedway congestion
- Rail bed use
- Strip development
- Public transportation

- Community Facilities

- Community center
- Use of school facility
- Youth activities center
- Town hall
- Infrastructure(sewers/water)
- LVPA facilities

Agriculture

- Maintain agriculture
- Maintain farm lands
- Maintain open spaces

Recreation

- Trail bed use
- Community center
- Hiking/biking
- Use of park (s)

Aesthetics

- Junkyards
- Cars (used/old)
- Maintain rural character
- Rt 20 corridor improvement

Environment/ Nat. Resources

- Limited water resources
- Septic seepage
- Toxic sites
- Aquifer impact from
growth & development
- Goal compatibility

Land Use

- Enforcement
- Office/motel location
- Commercial modular config.
- Density v lot size
- Cultural/historic uses
- Rt 20 corridor improvement
- Strip development
- Septic limitations

Goals & Objectives

N. Stolzenburg indicated that the next step in the planning process is for the group to develop goal statements for each of the above categories, as well as any other categories thought to be relevant to the future of the Town. In this regard she further indicated that she would e-mail us sample statements, developed by other communities, which we might use as models for our own efforts. In addition to the goal statements, it was suggested that the group continue on to the following step of defining specific objectives under each of the goal categories.

In regard to these activities, the group agreed that each member would take a stab at defining goals and objectives prior to the next meeting. At the next meeting the group will jointly decide on goal statements and objectives and subsequently assign sub-groups to refine those efforts.

Public Awareness

Regarding review of Comprehensive Plan progress/status with the public, it was decided that the group would wait to see how much progress is made on the goals & objectives, at the next meeting, before determining an appropriate date for holding a public meeting.

Profile

It was agreed that any information still due for the profile document should be forwarded directly to J. Dax, as it becomes available.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for March 4, 2003 @ 7 P.M. Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

J.L.Yurish

