

**Comprehensive Plan Committee
Meeting Minutes
August 26, 2003**

The Comprehensive Plan Committee of New Lebanon conducted a regularly scheduled General Meeting at the Town Hall on August 26, 2003. The meeting commenced at 7:00 P.M. The members in attendance were: T. Benson, D. Clark, C. Dreyfus, L. Poulton, K.Ross, J.Yurish. Councilwoman Robertson was also in attendance.

To start the meeting, J.Yurish discussed materials received from the Governor's Office regarding the Small Cities, Technical Assistance grant potential. He indicated that the current round offers the possibility of receiving up to \$25, 000 for Strategic/Comprehensive Planning. He also indicated that he has had discussions with Steve Kirk of DBS Planning (an expert in grant writing , especially as related to Small Cities) and with Mr. Albert Wheeler, New Lebanon Supervisor regarding the potential filing of an application for the New Lebanon Comprehensive Plan process. After discussing Mr. Kirk's credentials with Mr Wheeler and the potential for raising additional money for New Lebanon's efforts, he (Mr. Wheeler) gave his approval to proceed with discussions with Mr. Kirk. J. Yurish indicated that he would also discuss the possibilities with the Comprehensive Plan Committee before proceeding with Mr. Kirk. After reviewing this information with the Committee members present, they unanimously gave approval to proceed. Mr. Yurish will contact Mr. Kirk immediately. The filing deadline is September 17, 2003.

After a brief discussion of current status, the group broke into sub-groups to work on their assigned topics. To date the topics still needing to be completed are:

- Traffic & Transportation
- Community Appearance
- Natural Resources & the Environment
- Housing
- Land Use

Since there will still be a number of Committee members away on vacation during Labor Day week, the next 2 meetings are scheduled for Tuesday September 9, 2003 and Tuesday September 23 rd @ Town Hall—7PM.

Respectfully submitted,

J.L.Yurish