

**New Lebanon
Comprehensive Plan Committee
Results From Meeting With Senior Citizens
December 6, 20002**

On December 6, 2002, Karen Ross and Jack Yurish met with the Senior Citizens Group to get their input for the Comprehensive Plan. The meeting took place at the Catholic Church Community Hall on route 20. Approximately 35 participants were in the hall; not all were residents of New Lebanon. Their commentary was as follows:

LIKE ABOUT THE TOWN:

- **Great location-proximity to major highways and large cities.**
- **Nice people—a friendly town.**
- **Great schools.**
- **Great churches, providing good company.**

DON'T LIKE ABOUT THE TOWN:

- **Non-existent speed enforcement (in front of schools & supermarket).**
- **Loss of stores, especially EZMart and convenience stores.**
- **Too many eyesores (especially along route 20).**
- **Clean up the place in West Lebanon—the one with the big trailers.**
- **Doesn't seem to be any zoning enforcement.**
- **Don't know how to get the Town to respond to the eyesores.**
- **Nothing for kids to do here—need more recreational activities.**
- **No jobs for kids to want to stay around after graduation.**
- **No police protection.**
- **Used to have tourist booths---left to rot.**

VISION—THINGS THEY'D LIKE TO SEE IN THE FUTURE:

- **Like to see a pharmacy or medication pick-up location.**
- **More convenience stores.**
- **Greater opportunities for cell phone use.**
- **Something useful done with the old school on Rte, 22 (senior center?).**
- **More recreational facilities (theater, bowling etc.).**
- **Sidewalks for walking rollerblading etc.**
- **Bike paths**
- **More community events (like Chatham's First Night, the Fall Festival, etc.).**
- **Used to have public busing/transportation—would like it again.**
- **Build a dance hall.**
- **Shakers' return is great opportunity, but the Town needs to look decent.**
- **Need reasons for the kids to stay---business, jobs, especially in high tech.**
- **Senior housing/town houses.**