

Joyal, Michael

From: Joyal, Michael
Sent: Thursday, June 28, 2012 11:31 PM
To: Cynthia Copeland
Cc: Parker, Christopher G.
Subject: RE: Granite State Future

Thank you. On a separate matter, Chris will be contacting you regarding an upcoming Council meeting relating to the byway proposal and requesting that SRPC provide a presentation and answer questions.

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From: Cynthia Copeland <cjc@strafford.org>
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Sent: Thu, Jun 28, 2012 23:34:27 GMT+00:00
Subject: RE: Granite State Future

Dear Mike:

I can confirm that your understanding of the Granite State Future project is accurate, and that the expectations of municipal partners is as you have described. There are no contractual obligations that mandate or otherwise force municipal partners to approve formal policies, impose regulations or otherwise suffer any expense for community improvements – through the recommendations of the Granite State Future: Local Solutions for the Strafford Region or for the statewide planning effort.

Your second paragraph accurately describes your role as a partner city per the partnership agreement language.

I am happy to discuss this project with you if there are other questions or comments that need addressing.

Dover is important to this region, and I, and the Strafford staff, are looking forward to working with Dover officials, staff and residents developing Local Solution for the Strafford Region.

With best regards,
Cynthia

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From: Joyal, Michael [mailto:M.Joyal@dover.nh.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, June 26, 2012 7:37 PM
To: Cynthia Copeland
Cc: Parker, Christopher G.
Subject: Granite State Future

Cynthia:

There is apparently a considerable amount of discussion and some controversy developing regarding the intent of the Granite State Future project and I am writing to seek confirmation of my understanding of the municipal partnership expectations. Specifically, I wish to be assured that there is no legitimate reason for the concerns being expressed by some citizens and local officials here and around the State regarding supposed contractual obligations that MANDATE or otherwise FORCE municipal partners, such as Dover, to approve formal policies, impose regulations or otherwise suffer any expense for community improvements which are ultimately recommended through this regional/statewide planning effort.

My understanding was and remains that in agreeing to sign on as a partner city, our community is expected to share its concerns and represent our interests throughout the planning process being coordinated by the various NH Regional Planning Commissions. In doing so, representatives from our community will be reviewing related studies and reports, offering local perspective and provide advice regarding policies, strategies and priorities to the Strafford Regional Planning Commission representatives that need to be considered in assembling and coordinating regional and statewide plans for development.

If my understanding of our community's involvement as a municipal partner is not accurate and/or there are in fact obligations that mandate or otherwise command that our community implement policies, regulat