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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, regulations or incur expenses for community improvements, please let me know so we may reevaluate our ability to participate in the Granite State Future project. Thank you.

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