

**Cabinet Committee on State Planning Issues  
Haslett Armory, Room 133  
October 27, 2011**

**Meeting Summary**

Committee Members Present

Andrew Lippstone, Office of the Governor, Chair  
Connie Holland, Office of State Planning  
Valerie Watson for Tom Cook, Finance  
Karen Horton for Anas Ben-Addi, Delaware State Housing Authority  
David Small for Collin O'Mara, DNREC  
Terry Pepper for Lewis Schiliro, Department of Safety & Homeland Security  
Karen Field Rogers for Lillian Lowery, Department of Education  
Leighann Hinkle for Ann Visalli, Office of Management and Budget  
Patrick Wlaschin for Shailen Bhatt, DelDOT  
Jill Rogers for Rita Landgraf, DHSS

Also Present:

Lee Ann Walling, DNREC  
Karen Horton, DSHA  
Herb Inden, OSPC  
David Edgell, OSPC  
Bryan Hall, OSPC

Laura Simmons  
Kimberly Foster, OSPC  
DJ Guthrie Carter, NCC Land Use  
David Culver, NCC Land Use

The Cabinet Committee on State Planning Issues (CCSPI) met October 27, 2011 in room 133 of the Haslett Armory in Dover. The Committee met to discuss items set forth in the agenda.

Connie Holland called the meeting to order at 2:12 p.m. Connie welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the newly appointed Chair of the Committee Andrew Lippstone.

**Approval of August 23, 2011 meeting minutes**

A Motion was made by Terry Pepper and seconded by Karen Horton to approve the August 23, 2011 meeting minutes. Voting was unanimous and minutes from August 23, 2011 passed.

### **Annual Report - Presentation**

Herb Inden gave presentation for annual report. There were no directed outstanding questions during the presentation.

A Motion was made by Andrew Lippstone and seconded by Terry Pepper; to allow two weeks for review and comment of annual report. After two weeks the report will be updated and sent to the Governor's Office. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

### **New Castle County Land Use - Presentation**

DJ Guthrie Carter and David Culver were both present for the presentation for New Castle County's updated Comprehensive Plan.

New Castle County held open workshops from September 2010 - August 2011, they recorded all comments from attendees. Public comments are being accepted through December 2011, they have also posted for commentary on Twitter and they additionally have open surveys online.

David Culver discussed some of the challenges that have been identified during the update process. These include planning for growth vs. impeding growth, economic downturn - less money for infrastructure, density trading "better to give than receive", transportation and the level of service, maintaining existing communities, foreclosures and vacant properties, engaging the "Whole Community" (younger citizens not participating in the process).

The draft of the updated Comprehensive Plan is available on their website. New Castle County is scheduled to present at the PLUS meeting for the Office of State Planning Coordination in November 2011, and will hold a Public Hearing in January 2012. It was discussed that after the PLUS meeting and the public comment period, the County will finalize the plan and adopt the plan pending certification. The County will bring the adopted plan back to the Cabinet Committee on State Planning Issues. The County will discuss the changes made and this committee will vote on forwarding the plan to the Governor for certification.

There were several members that asked various questions regarding open space zoning, decreased sizes of new homes being built and decrease in aged communities, rentals increasing vs. purchase of new homes. All questions were answered by David and DJ.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:30 p.m.