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Mr. Richard Rourke from the Southwestern New Hampshire Regional Commission was a guest of the Planning Board tonight.

Invited to join us were the Selectmen, The Conservation Committee and the Board of Adjustment.

Mr. Rourke was introduced to those present by Charles Gilmore, Chairman of the Board.

Mr. Rourke gave us a run-down of the duties and functions of the Commission. There are now seventeen (17) regions included in the Commission.

As a member of this Commission we are eligible to have two members of our Board serve on the Commission. The Board will recommend and the Selectmen will appoint them.

This Commission will provide service on a long term program in two areas, land use - housing, soil survey and zoning. It is a good idea to have a soil map when working on a Master Plan but is not a necessity.

They will also help us in an advisory capacity to help implement a plan on a long range time to ~~de~~ determine what we want for our Town, or a very detailed job can be done .

The staff of the Commission is employed by the Commission and not by the State, but they work very closely with Mr. Hoffman in Concord.

The State provides hand books on subdivisions also a development hand book and Mr. Rourke will send us a copy of each within two weeks.

Usually there is a monthly meeting on comprehensive planning (Master Plan and Zoning) . If we should decide to start now they can help us by March 1977. It would be advisable to concentrate on one plan at a time and see it through. The Commission will provide professional and technical assistance if we wish.

We should make sure the citizens are aware of any plans.

Questionnaires should be sent out allowing two weeks for them to be returned and in one months' time schedule a Public Hearing.

It was suggested that we consult our Town Counsel at all times.

Aerial photographs were taken two weeks ago and we can use these to get contours for plans. Wet lands, roads, etc., should be marked on all subdivision plans. A charge for reproduction only will be made, for the photographs.

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Help can also be obtained from the Commission to develop a capital improvement program.

Federal funds are also available and they will assist the Town in making application for matching funds if we wish to take advantage of them.

Land can be used to take the place of actual funds. The Conservation Committee can do this, and should contact Joe Quinn, Conservation Commission State House, Concord N. H.

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Secretary