

Let's Do a Dartmouth CoCS Study

- *Understand & agree on the Cost of Community Services in Dartmouth.*
- *Different kinds of land use & development create different financial consequences.*

What is a CoCS study?

- *See the detailed definitions used by Pennsylvania & Michigan*
(These are in your package materials, p. 82 & p. 108)
- *A common understanding of the relevant facts is essential to good future planning.*
- *A CoCS study is straightforward, and will present the facts, specific to Dartmouth.*

A collaborative approach

- *Structure the study together with the Finance Committee.*
- *Use an outside expert, to assure efficiency, transparency, & trust.*
- *See an example of the process used to create the study.*

(These are in your package materials, pp. 84-107)

This same topic came up at the most recent SRPEDD Commission Meeting

- *Many other towns are interested in CoCS, too.*
- *We should be leaders, not followers.*
- *A CoCS study would be a natural and useful addition to our Master Plan.*
- *This may be a good time to proceed, budget-wise, as well.*

Let's have our discussion & then a motion to move forward by meeting with the Finance Committee.

- *Next Steps*

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