After a brief presentation by the LMG team (see attached PowerPoint presentation), Chairman Hindle opened the meeting to a question-and-answer session from both committee members and the public. The following lists a summary of the questions and answers:

**Questions:**

1. The Park n Ride Lot at Pease in Portsmouth has been expanded twice. You should consider Portsmouth as a peer city.

   COAST ran a shuttle system in Portsmouth, you should consider that experience.

   *Yes, we will follow up with Portsmouth.*

2. The McConnell Center/Library Lot fills up regularly now. Will we need two sites for garages?

   *It is not likely that one site will solve all problems:*
   - Developing or incenting Public Private Partnerships (PPP) is one answer – providing public parking in multiple locations, in potentially smaller, mixed-use garage developments
   - A downtown shuttle is another possible longer-term solution

3. How many spaces will be needed in a new garage? Where are the sites being studied?

   *It is too early in the process to identify specific garage locations or number of spaces. This will be addressed in later stages of the study.*

4. Can you have street level retail in the new garage? What will be the cost per space?

   *Mixed-use is necessary for the highest and best use of land. Typical construction costs per parking spaces (at- or above grade) are in the range of $15,000 - $20,000. Twice that costs for below-grade parking.*
5. How far is it acceptable to walk to a garage?

*That depends on the community and type of parking provided. As a rule of thumb, and depending on the community, climate, expectations and culture, 1.5 blocks or so for employees, less for visitors and customers.*

6. Will improved parking signage and awareness help people use parking more effectively?

*Yes, in particular, shuffling is one problem that more awareness could help solve once we have a solution in-place.*

*As part of the study’s recommendations on Management & Operations of the parking system, we will suggest better tools (e.g. signage, public education, maps, P.R., etc.).*

7. What about setting up a City Parking Commission?

*The City of Dover’s parking system is not currently organized to effectively expand, manage and operate a structured parking system. Some proven solutions include:*

− *Contract the operation of the garage to a private firm.*
− *Maintain City control of the on-street parking spaces.*
− *Under a PPP agreement, public spaces in structures may be managed or owned by a private entity.*

8. When does a garage need two exits?

*Generally, when there are more than 500 to 800 spaces. Garages with less than 500 spaces typically only require one exit location.*