



# Lakes Region Planning Commission Meeting

Monday, March 28, 2011

Multi-Purpose Room, Laconia Middle School

150 McGrath Street – Laconia, NH

6:00 P.M.

Dear LRPC Commissioners, Legislators, Selectmen and Planning Boards, and Interested Parties:

Communities across the Lakes Region, and throughout New Hampshire, have faced one of the most daunting economic times in recent memory. A tremendous amount of energy has focused on making the hard choices to retain meaningful programs and services. While economic challenges abound, some brightening is beginning to occur. In his 2011 Budget Address, Governor Lynch stated “the Federal Reserve Bank predicts New Hampshire will have the strongest economic growth in the nation in the coming months.” This is indeed encouraging news for a region that is primarily dependent on retail, manufacturing, health care, and accommodation and food services. To provide better insight into the story behind the numbers, the LRPC March Commission meeting will feature presentations from Dennis Delay, an economist with the **NH Center for Public Policy**, Carmen Lorentz, executive director of the **Belknap County Economic Development Council**, and Mark Scarano, executive director of the **Grafton County Economic Development Council**. Mr. Delay is also New Hampshire’s State Forecast Manager for the New England Economic Partnership (NEEP) a non-profit association of economists that have monitored and forecast regional economic trends for more than three decades.

This is an excellent opportunity for local and regional officials and the public to learn more about our economic outlook, as well as to hear first hand some of the projects being pursued by two of our area’s economic development organizations.

The March meeting will start promptly at 6:00 pm. All LRPC Commission meetings are open to the public. Please contact us at 279-8171 or [lrpc@lakesrpc.org](mailto:lrpc@lakesrpc.org) for additional information or special accommodation.

## A G E N D A

- 6:00 pm**      **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS/ *Stan Bean, Jr.* LRPC Vice-Chairman**  
Approval of the Minutes of the January 24, 2011 LRPC Commission Meeting (enclosed\*)  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Amended \_\_\_\_\_
- 6:10**      **ECONOMIC OUTLOOK FOR THE U.S., NEW HAMPSHIRE AND THE REGION**  
***Dennis Delay***, Economist, NH Center for Public Policy, NH Forecast Manager, NEEP
- 7:10**      **CURRENT REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES**  
***Mark Scarano***, Executive Director, Grafton County Economic Development Council  
***Carmen Lorentz***, Executive Director, Belknap County Economic Development Council
- 7:40**      **OTHER BUSINESS**
- 7:45**      **Adjourn**

\* Requires Commission Approval

**In case of inclement weather, please listen to local radio stations, the snow date is March 29, same time and place**

Light Refreshment Available  
(meeting directions on reverse)