



Lakes Region Planning Commission Meeting

November 21, 2011

Northfield Town Hall

21 Summer Street, Northfield, NH 6:00 P.M.

Dear LRPC Commissioners, Planning Boards, Conservation Commissions, and Interested Parties:

As economic challenges continue to confront our communities, their residents, and businesses, more municipalities are considering **the pros and cons of sharing services (regionalizing)**. In recent years, communities around the state have been talking more about finding ways to provide municipal services jointly, rather than going it alone. There are many examples of shared services in NH, including the state's first cooperative school district between the towns of Northfield and Tilton, established in 1923. These two towns also now share library, recreation, and fire and water district services, among others.

The November 21 LRPC Commission meeting will feature guest speakers from the **NH Local Government Center (LGC), the Suncook Valley Regional Town Association, and the towns of Barnstead and Northfield, NH**; each has a different perspective on **regionalizing services**. Topics to be discussed include: (a) an update of two statewide community surveys on regional services; (b) an ongoing forum to share ideas and services among neighboring communities; (c) a current effort outsourcing local law enforcement, and (d) the glue needed to sustain shared services over a long time.

Successful municipal sharing ventures must often overcome many impediments, as cited in an LGC survey. To learn what these are and how others have overcome them, this meeting is an excellent opportunity to become more familiar about sharing services with your neighboring communities. Plan to attend and encourage members of city councils and select boards to join you. LRPC Commissioners will also be asked to accept the LRPC FY 12 Annual Report. All LRPC Commission meetings are open to the public. For additional information, please contact us at 279-8171 or lrpc@lakesrpc.org. We look forward to seeing you in Northfield on November 21.

A G E N D A

- 6:00 pm** **Welcome and Introductions / *Stanley Bean, Jr*, LRPC Chairman**
*Approval of the Minutes of the September 26, 2011 LRPC Commission Meeting (*enclosed*).
 Yes _____ No _____ Amended _____
- 6:05** **LRPC Annual Report / *S. Bean***
*Commissioners approve the FY 12 Annual Report, as submitted (*enclosed*).
 Yes _____ No _____ Amended _____
- 6:10** **Regionalizing Services: A NH Report Card / *Chris Porter*, Researcher, NH Municipal Association of the Local Government Center.**
- 6:40** **Forging Inter-municipal Connections: Experiences of the Suncook Valley Regional Town Association / *Bruce Dyke*, Budget Committee Town of Chichester, NH;**
- 7:10** **Outsourcing Law Enforcement to the County: A Current Example / *David Kerr*, Barnstead Selectman and LRPC Commissioner**
- 7:30** **Northfield and Tilton: A History of Partnering / *Glenn Smith*, Northfield Town Administrator**
- 7:50** **Other Discussion**
Adjourn

Light Refreshment Available
(directions on reverse)

*Requires Commissioner Action