

### Long Bay Association Presentation

On June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017, Long Bay Homeowners Association in Laconia, NH welcomed the Lakes Region Planning Commission along with Dean Robinson, an employee of the Department of Environmental Services to present about the hazards and alternatives of household hazardous waste.

This presentation enlightened homeowners of the hazards in their homes associated with storing and using substances that are considered reactive, corrosive, flammable, and toxic. They learned the three most hazardous substances in homes are: drain cleaner, metal polishes, and furniture polishes.

Finally, some simple alternatives to metal and furniture polishes were presented, all were made from common cooking ingredients. Some of the ingredients were: water, vinegar, baking soda/powder, flour, and ketchup. Before using each non-toxic alternative, Robinson tasted the substance to show how safe it is. The results? Shiny-clean furniture and metals, and an amazed crowd.

