



Lakes Region Planning Commission Area Meeting

April 28, 2008
Newfound Regional High School
Bristol, NH
6:00 P.M.

Dear LRPC Commissioners, Citizen Planners, Municipal Officials, and Interested Parties:

The April 28 Commission Meeting will feature a presentation on the current status of rail service in New Hampshire, and perceived future needs to make it a true statewide success. Many of you may be aware that while NH now has a Rail Transit Authority, no funds were appropriated to it. At the same time, passenger ridership on existing rail service everywhere is increasing, often in tandem with the rise in gasoline/fuel costs. It was recently reported that ridership on Maine's *Downeaster* is up 25% in Jan/Feb 2008, while Vermont's *Vermonteer* is up approximately 12%.

While the state now has an official policy board for Rail and interest continues to grow, many challenges loom on the horizon. The April 28 presentation will tell the story of the Seacoast's *Downeaster* Rail Service, and the next steps that the state may need to consider to retain, enhance, and broaden the extent of rail service throughout the state.

In addition to the rail presentation, the tallied results of LRPC Commissioner ballots will be announced, and LRPC's proposed FY-09 budget will be presented to Commissioners for approval.

Newfound Regional High School is located off NH Route 104 in Bristol, about halfway between the town center and I93, Exit 23. All LRPC Commission meetings are open to the public. Please contact us at 279-8171 or lrpc@lakesrpc.org if you have any questions.

A G E N D A

- 6:00** **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS** / *Dick Waitt*, LRPC Chairman
Approval of the Minutes of the March 31, 2008 Commission Meeting (enclosed)
- 6:05** **PROPOSED LRPC BYLAW CHANGES RESULTS** / *Stan Bean, Jr.*, LRPC Area
Commissioner
- 6:15** **FY 09 LRPC BUDGET** / *Kimon Koulet*, LRPC Director
The Commission approves the proposed FY09 Budget (enclosed)
Yes___ No___ Amended___
- 6:30** **NH RAIL TRANSIT AUTHORITY** / *Malcolm Taylor*, LRPC Representative to the
NHRTA.
- 6:40** **THE DOWNEASTER, NH RAIL SERVICE, AND NEXT STEPS** / *Steve Pesci*,
Project Director, University of NH Campus Planning, and member of the NHRTA.
- 7:30** **OTHER BUSINESS AND ADJOURNMENT**

Light Refreshment Available

(Location map on back)

Newfound Regional High School
150 Newfound Road – Bristol, NH



