



Lakes Region Planning Commission Meeting

**April 26, 2010
Gilford Community Church
19 Potter Hill Road, Gilford, NH
6:00 P.M.**

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

On Monday, April 26 the Lakes Region Planning Commission will host a meeting on the **impact of milfoil and invasive species on our waterbodies**, and what we have learned from different strategies. Starting at 6:00 P.M., the meeting will be held at the Gilford Community Church in Gilford, NH. Many people know that both native and non-native species are found in our waterbodies. Exotic aquatic plants pose a threat to the ecological, aesthetic, recreational, and economic values of lakes and ponds. A reduction in water quality, whether perceived or real, can have a major impact on lakeshore home values as well as summer tourism. There are a variety of methods available to control the populations of invasive aquatic plant infestations. The goal of this meeting is to highlight some of the more promising ones and to share lessons learned from past and current management practices.

Senior officials from the NH Department of Environmental Services (DES) will present information on exotic plants as well as their current research initiatives to manage them. A representative from the Squam Lakes Association will describe the innovative milfoil management techniques they have tried and the lessons learned from these approaches. This is an excellent opportunity for state and local officials and the general public to engage experts and learn more about the state-of-the-art in milfoil and exotic plant species management strategies that are working in NH.

The proposed LRPC budget for FY11 will also be presented to the Commissioners for approval. Your participation and attendance are encouraged and welcomed. All LRPC Commission meetings are open to the public. Please contact us at 279-8171 or lrpc@lakesrpc.org for additional information or special accommodation.

A G E N D A

- 6:00 pm** **Welcome and Introductions/Robert Snelling**, LRPC Chairman
Approval of the Minutes of the March 29, 2010 Commission Meeting*
Yes___ No___ Amended___
- 6:10** **Milfoil and Exotic Species in our Great Ponds: Lessons Learned**
- Overview of Exotic Species in NH – Jody Connor**, Director, NH DES Limnology Center
- Research Initiatives – Amy Smagula**, Limnologist/Exotic Species Program Coordinator, NH DES
- Innovative Techniques on Squam Lakes, Brett Durham**, Director of Recreation, Squam Lakes Association
- 7:30** **LRPC FY 2011 Budget/ R. Snelling, Barbara Perry, LRPC Treasurer**
The Commissioners approve the proposed FY 11 LRPC budget (*enclosed*)*
Yes___ No___ Amended___
- 7:40** **Other Discussioun**
Adjournment

* Requires Commission action

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