



Lakes Region Planning Commission Meeting

**September 26, 2011
Meredith Community Center
One Circle Drive – Meredith, NH
6:00 P.M.**

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

The 2011 Legislative session resulted in several changes to the Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act and to Water Resources planning overall. The new act, now called the **Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act**, changes several minimum subdivision and land use standards that had previously been adopted. There is also some uncertainty whether other legislation affected the authority of municipalities to develop local or regional water resource protection plans, and related local regulation. Both are of vital interest.

In the Lakes Region, land use change and land management within the shoreland areas are of critical importance. Much of the region's economy is directly or indirectly related to water quality, and changes that may increase the vulnerability of the waters to non-point sources of pollution require careful monitoring. Moreover, the **authority of local municipalities to develop water resource protection plans, and regulations has also been questioned due to recent legislation.** To help answer these questions, representatives from the NH Department of Environmental Services and the NH Local Government Center will cover the changes associated with the new Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act, as well as key ramifications of the changes related to water resources protection planning.

Given the abundance of water resources in the Lakes Region, this meeting is of special significance and importance to our local communities. *Please encourage anyone with an interest in surface and ground water to attend the meeting.* LRPC Commissioners will also be asked to decide the LRPC Membership Appropriations Request for FY 13 (July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2012). The 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 for additional information or special accommodation.

A G E N D A

- 6:00 pm** **Welcome and Introductions / *Stanley Bean, Jr.*, LRPC Chairman**
Approval of the Minutes of the April 25, 2011 LRPC Commission Meeting (*enclosed*).
Yes____ No____ Amended____
- 6:05** **The Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act / *Robert Snelling*, LRPC Commissioner,
Darlene Forst, Shoreland Section Supervisor, NH DES,**
- 6:50** **Do NH Municipalities still have Legislative Authority to Plan and Regulate Water as
a Natural Resource? / *Paul Susca*, Supervisor, Drinking Water & Groundwater Bureau,
NHDES, *Cordell Johnston*, Attorney, NH Local Government Center.**
- 7:40** **Annual Report Status / *Stanley Bean, Jr.***
FY13 LRPC Membership Appropriations
Commissioners approve the FY 13 Membership Appropriations, as submitted (*enclosed*).
Yes____ No____ Amended____
- 8:00** **Other Discussion**
Adjourn

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(*directions on reverse*)