Lakes Region Planning Commission Meeting

January 23, 2012
Gilman Museum
123 Main Street, Alton, NH 6:00 P.M.

Dear Lakes Region Selectmen, Planning Boards, Conservation Commissions, ZBAs, LRPC Commissioners and Interested Parties:

The Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC) is featuring a program on January 23 that will be useful for local officials who participate on boards, which strive to maintain civility during situations when the decision making process encounters strenuous opposition. For instance, planning is sometimes perceived as having predetermined outcomes, creating the impression that the process is contrived, which may lead to irritable and confrontational situations. While most are aware that any good planning process is open and transparent, what do you do when confronted with misconceptions, exaggerations, or explosive behavior during a public meeting? To better understand the dynamics of such meetings, UNH Associate Professor Malcolm Smith will give a presentation on **Surviving Angry People.** Dr. Smith will offer several insights based on his lengthy experience as a designer and user of programs to improve the quality of family life.

Malcolm is a Family Life specialist who provides service, support, and leadership to all University of New Hampshire programs serving NH families and communities. He also writes a monthly column on work and family issues for the New Hampshire Business Review. Malcolm also developed, among other initiatives, the Peaceful Intervention Program and Realistic Parenting, two training programs that have received national distribution.

Following Dr. Smith's presentation, proposed 2012 legislation of interest to the NH Association of Regional Planning Commission will be reviewed, including proposed bills that affect the continuance of regional planning commissions, and the shoreland water quality protection act, among others.

Please note that LRPC Commission meetings are open to the public. For additional information, or special accommodation please contact us at 279-8171 or lrpc@lakesrpc.org. ***In case of inclement weather only, the meeting will be rescheduled for Monday January 30, same time and place. For cancellations, please monitor local radio stations and the channel 9 storm center.***

A G E N D A

6:00 pm **Welcome and Introductions/*Stanley Bean, Jr*,** *LRPC Chairman*
*Approval of the Minutes of the November 21, 2011 LRPC Commission Meeting *(enclosed).*
Yes____ No____ Amended____

6:10 **Surviving Angry People*, Dr. Malcolm Smith,*** Professor/Specialist, UNH Cooperative Extension

7:10 **2012 Legislative Update, *H. Boone Porter*,** LRPC Commissioner and representative to the NH Association of Regional Planning Commissions (NHARPC)
This is a quick review which highlights a few of the more notable bills identified by the NHARPC worthy of monitoring and action.

7:35 **Other Discussion**
Adjourn

Light Refreshment Available
(Directions on reverse)

*Requires Commissioner Action