



Lakes Region Planning Commission Meeting

April 30, 2012 -- 6:00 pm
Meredith Community Center
One Circle Drive – Meredith, NH

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

If you are interested in the next generation of broadband in the state, and what it means for your community, this meeting is for you. The state of New Hampshire **Broadband** Action Plan notes that “in today’s world, broadband is a critical infrastructure for both businesses and citizens. The challenge of ensuring that... citizens and organizations have adequate levels of broadband to compete in the 21st century economy will require a consistent and sustainable framework that will include: evaluating best practices, encouraging public-private partnerships where necessary, and understanding both the supply (deployment challenges) and demand (usage of broadband to spur further deployment) dynamics in the State.”

At the April 30 Commission meeting, Scott Valcourt, Director of **Strategic Technology** at the University of New Hampshire (UNH) will talk about the current status of the **Network NH Now Project**, the \$44.5 million federal project bringing next generation broadband network access to rural areas of New Hampshire. He will highlight planning **opportunities for communities** to consider and present examples of the many entrepreneurial applications of broadband created by connecting our rural areas to the worldwide Internet. The regional planning commissions also have a role collecting data and assisting with the successful implementation of broadband across the state, and especially into our smaller communities and rural areas. LRPC’s work toward a Regional Broadband Plan and Stakeholder Group is included.

Also on the agenda for Commissioner action is the adoption of LRPC’s **proposed FY 13 Budget**.

All LRPC Commission meetings are open to the public. For additional information, please contact us at 279-8171 or lrpc@lakesrpc.org. We look forward to seeing you in Meredith on April 30.

A G E N D A

- 6:00 pm** **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS** / *Stanley Bean, Jr*, LRPC Chairman
*Approval of the Minutes of the March 26, 2012 LRPC Commission Meeting (*enclosed*)
Yes_____ No_____ Amended_____
- 6:10** **NEXT GENERATION BROADBAND – THE NETWORK NH NOW PROJECT** /
Scott Valcourt, Director of Strategic Technology at UNH
- 7:05** **REGIONAL BROADBAND PLAN AND OUR BROADBAND STAKEHOLDER GROUP**, *Dari Sassan*, LRPC Regional Planner
- 7:25** **PROPOSED FY 13 LRPC BUDGET** (*enclosed*)
*LRPC Commissioners approve the proposed FY 13 budget.
Yes_____ No_____ Amended_____

Adjourn

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*Requires Commissioner Action