



Lakes Region Planning Commission Meeting

Monday, September 30, 2013

Gilford Public Library, 31 Potter Hill Road, Gilford, NH

6:00 P.M.

Dear LRPC Commissioners, Select Boards, City Councils, Planning Boards, and Interested Parties:

The September meeting will feature a presentation on the well-being of the NH Economy and areas where new opportunities may await. Being a small state, economic conditions in the Lakes Region are influenced by what occurs elsewhere in the state, as well as throughout New England. According to some, the economic drivers such as, consistent population growth, increased productivity, and a resilient economy that have powered the state over the past 30 years may have run their course. Researchers say that due to factors such as more people leaving than staying, decreased labor productivity, and an aging population will require the state to adapt to a new economic reality for years to come. Joining us to expand upon this theme and the implications for our region and communities is Dennis Delay, chief economist from the NH Center for Public Policy Studies.

Along the theme of economic development, the LRPC recently completed a draft comprehensive economic development strategy (CEDS) for the Lakes Region, in cooperation with area economic development councils. The CEDS is to serve as a roadmap for increased economic opportunities, and to qualify projects identified in it for possible funding assistance from the U.S. Economic Development Administration. Commissioners will be asked to endorse the plan.

September is also the time when LRPC Commissioners will be asked to accept the Annual Report and adopt the FY15 membership appropriations. A draft LRPC Vision and Mission statement, prepared by the LRPC Executive Board, is also to be presented for adoption.

Please join us on Monday, September 30, this is an excellent opportunity to share information with those at the cutting edge of local and statewide economic development work in NH. All LRPC meetings are open to the public. For additional information or special accommodation, please contact the LRPC: 279-8171 or lrpc@lakesrpc.org.

A G E N D A

- 6:00 pm** **Welcome and Introductions / *Stanley Bean, Jr.*** LRPC Chairman
Approval of the Minutes of the April 29, 2013 LRPC Commission Meeting (*enclosed*).
Yes _____ No _____ Amended _____
- 6:05** **Searching for an Economic Recovery / *Dennis Delay*,** Economist, NH Center for Public Policy and NH Forecast Manager for the New England Economic Partnership
- 7:05** **Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies (CEDS) / *Carmen Lorentz*,** Executive Director, Belknap Economic Development Council, and Chair, Lakes Region CEDS Committee
Commissioners approve the 2013 Lakes Region CEDS – please view here: http://www.lakesrpc.org/CEDS-2013/2013-7-31_LR_CEDS.pdf*
Yes _____ No _____ Amended _____
- 7:25** **FY14 LRPC Annual Report and FY 15 Membership Appropriations / *Stanley Bean, Jr.***
Commissioners approve the FY14 Annual Report and FY 15 Appropriations (*enclosed*)
Yes _____ No _____
- Vision and Mission Statements / *Stanley Bean, Jr.***
Commissioners approve the LRPC Vision and Mission Statements (*enclosed*)
Yes _____ No _____ Amended _____
- 7:45** **Other Discussion**
- 7:55** **Adjourn**

*Allow about 2 minutes to download. A few bound copies will be available at the meeting.

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