



Lakes Region Planning Commission Meeting

Monday, July 28, 2014
6:00 P.M.

Dear LRPC Commissioners, Town Administrators/City Managers, Selectboards/City Councils, Planning Boards, and Interested Parties:

Beginning at 6:00 PM Monday, July 28 the Lakes Region Planning's Commission meeting will be devoted to a NHDES Listening Session at the Laconia Middle School Multi-Purpose Room, 150 McGrath Street, Laconia. The NH Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) will hold a special listening session focused on freshwater shoreline topics, including docks and other shoreline structures, as well as the relationship with the Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act (SQWPA). NHDES will also provide an overview and seek input on the major concepts under consideration as part of the Wetlands Program Rulemaking and Process Improvement Effort, including the permitting process, evaluation standards, and technical requirements.

The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES) is undertaking a significant, multi-year effort to improve the technical standards, operations, and decision-making processes used by the Wetlands Bureau: The "Wetlands Program Rulemaking and Process Improvement Effort."

The overarching goals of this effort are to:

- Enhance transparency and predictability.
- Increase consistency and standardization.
- Ensure scientifically-based decisions that protect New Hampshire's sensitive and important natural resources.

Please visit the NHDES webpage on this effort for more information, including a discussion guide that introduces many of the key topics that will be discussed on the 28th as well as summaries from listening sessions held earlier in 2014. You can also submit a comment directly to NHDES from the webpage (<http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wetlands/process-improvement.htm>).

Although walk-ins are welcome, in order to assist with logistics, we ask that you register in advance by emailing admin@lakesrpc.org with the subject "NH Wetland Program" or calling 279-8171.

A G E N D A

- 6:00 pm** **Welcome and Introductions/ *Warren Hutchins*, LRPC Chairman**
- Approval of the Minutes of the April 28, 2014 LRPC Commission Meeting (*enclosed*).
Yes _____ No _____ Amended _____
- 6:05** **NH Wetland Program – Summer 2014 Listening Session/ *Carolyn Russell*, Senior Environmental & Land Use Planner**
- 8:00** **Adjourn**

Light Refreshment Available

(*directions on reverse*)

LACONIA MIDDLE SCHOOL – MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM
150 McGRATH STREET – LACONIA 03246

