



Annual Fall Planning and Zoning Conference

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Cordell Johnston is an attorney and lobbyist for the Local Government Center and its affiliate, the New Hampshire Municipal Association, where he represents the interests of New Hampshire's towns and cities. Before joining the LGC in 2004, he practiced law with Orr & Reno, a Concord law firm, for 19 years. He is a former selectman and planning board member for the Town of Henniker. Mr. Johnston is a frequent lecturer and the author of many articles on municipal law issues, especially planning and zoning matters and the Right to Know Law. He graduated from Princeton University in 1981 and from Boston University School of Law in 2004.

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Kenn Ortmann has been the Director of the Rochester Planning and Development Department twice, first from 1984 through 1988 and then from 1997 until the present. In between he worked as a planner for a private development firm, as a private planning consultant for an engineering and planning firm, as the Town Planner in Alton, and as a Principal Planner for the (then) Office of State Planning. Mr. Ortmann and his Department are responsible for the planning, zoning, historic, resource conservation and community development functions of the City. The Department provides advice, guidance, and staff support to the Planning Board, the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA), the Conservation Commission, the Historic District Commission and the City Council. He has served as a City Councilor, as a Planning Board member for seven years and has been asked twice to assume City Manager responsibilities. Mr. Ortmann holds a Bachelor of Science, Electrical Engineering and a Master of Science (Public Systems Engineering) from the University of Michigan.

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Bernie Waugh has been a member of the NH Bar since 1978. From 1985 to 2000 he was Chief Legal Counsel for the New Hampshire Municipal Association and has authored several booklets and articles on land use law. He is now a partner at Gardner Fulton & Waugh in Lebanon - a firm practicing exclusively municipal law, and serves as counsel for over 25 NH communities. He has sat on the Hanover ZBA since 1986, currently as an alternate. He is also on the advisory council to the Dartmouth Outing Club, plays fiddle in a contra-dance band, is happily married, and lives in Hanover in a former one-room school.

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