



Annual Fall Planning and Zoning Conference

Saturday, November 13, 2010, 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM
Mountain View Grand Resort and Spa, Whitefield, NH

CONFERENCE AGENDA

8:30 - 9:30 - Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:30 - 9:55 - Welcome and Orientation

10:00 - 12:15 - Concurrent Sessions

Basics for the Planning Board (Double Session) Coolidge Room

- Michael L. Donovan, Esquire, Attorney & Counselor at Law, Concord, NH

This housekeeping session is designed for new planning board members or those who want a refresher course on the basics. The topics under discussion at this session include rules of procedure, conflict of interest, the right-to-know law, and conducting public hearings and meetings.

Basics for the Zoning Board (Double Session) Roosevelt Room

- Paul Sanderson, Esquire, Staff Attorney, NH Local Government Center
- Kimberly Hallquist, Esquire, Staff Attorney, NH Local Government Center

Here's your opportunity to get some assistance if you are a new board member, or review the basics if you are not so new. The session will cover in detail the types of appeals that come before a ZBA and understanding the distinctions between them. Learn how to keep your board's affairs in order including the importance of the right-to-know law and how to relate to other land use boards and the governing body.

Legal Update (Double Session) Harding Room

- Benjamin D. Frost, Esquire, AICP, New Hampshire Housing, Bedford, NH

Another busy time in the courts and legislature! This double session will discuss legislative updates, what's happening in our Supreme Court on planning and zoning issues, and the impact of these rulings on local land use regulations. Don't miss this opportunity to hear Ben provide a heads-up on some of the legislative changes that have occurred that affect the responsibilities of both the planning board and zoning board of adjustment.

11:00 - 11:15 - Coffee Break

11:15 - 12:15 - Concurrent Sessions Continued

12:15 - 1:15 - Lunch

1:15 - 2:45 - Concurrent Sessions

ZBA Decision Making Process (Double Session) Roosevelt Room

- Kimberly Hallquist, Esquire, Staff Attorney, NH Local Government Center
- Paul Sanderson, Esquire, Staff Attorney, NH Local Government Center

You've notified abutters, held the public hearing, heard hours of testimony, and now it's time to make a decision. What do you do? Do you have to decide right then and there? What if you only have four members present? Can you include conditions? Do you vote on each of the criteria separately? Do you have to vote on anything at all? If these and other questions have plagued your board, this is the session for you. Come and hear Kim and Paul sort it all out.

Planning Board Roles and Responsibilities (Double Session) Harding Room

- Christopher L. Boldt, Esquire, Donahue, Tucker & Ciandella, PLLC, Exeter, NH

Planning, subdivisions, and site plans—do you have trouble keeping it all straight? This 2 hour 30 minute session is designed with you in mind. Join the session for a review of the relationship between zoning, subdivision, and site plan review and lastly, but certainly not least, the master plan. Learn the fundamentals of these basic tools of the planning process and how you can become a more effective board member.

Impact Fees Cleveland Room

- Bruce C. Mayberry, Manager, BCM Planning, LLC, New Gloucester, ME

Impact fees may be assessed to new development to help offset its impact on municipal and school capital facilities. But are impact fees practical in your community? What is the difference between impact fees and exactions? Are there pre-requisites for a successful impact fee system? This session will review the NH statutory guidelines, typical impact fee ordinance structure, and the process of establishing and maintaining proportionate fee schedules. Examples and discussion will help you evaluate your community's potential for impact fees.

Another Thing to Think About: The Building Energy Code Coolidge Room

- Laura Richardson, ARRA Coordinator for SEP, Program Manager for Building-Energy Code Compliance Recovery Act Program, NH OEP

The 2009 International Energy Conservation Code was adopted last year and went into effect – statewide – on April 1, 2010. What does this mean for towns? Who enforces the code? How does it integrate with other building codes? Who will pay for these added responsibilities? Why is this important? The US Department of Energy and the International Code Council have been working to strengthen energy codes for a number of years, making the built environment more energy efficient, with long-term goals of net-zero energy buildings for new construction. However, the ultimate responsibility for compliance rests with the towns. This workshop will explain and acknowledge goals, challenges, and maybe some solutions.

2:30 - 2:45 - Coffee Break

2:45 - 4:00 - Concurrent Sessions

Controlled Environment Agriculture, Combined Heat and Power, and Food Processing: The Economic Development Future for Northern New Hampshire Cleveland Room

- Preston S. Gilbert, Operations Director SUNY CBS, SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry Syracuse, NY

A presentation on the asset, cluster and market based potential for controlled environment agriculture, combined heat and power and food processing as an economic development activity in the North Country and the Connecticut River Valley. This presentation will give participants an understanding of the internal and external market forces which will allow us to repurpose the resource economies of rural farm and forest communities in this emerging technology based business. It will also provide information about some of the innovations that exist to make our communities nationally competitive.

On the Path to Environmental Sustainability Coolidge Room

- Christopher Diego, Managing Director, Mountain View Grand Resort & Spa, Whitefield, NH

Curious to see firsthand how a resort property can strive for environmental sustainability through wind power and other technologies? Mountain View Grand has earned recognition as an EPA-certified 100 percent Green Power Purchaser. On Sept. 25, 2009, the hotel installed a privately funded 121-foot wind turbine. In addition, Mountain View buys 100 percent New Mix Wind Green-e Energy Certified Renewable Energy Certificates-earning the property 100 percent wind-powered status. In recognition of these and many other initiatives, N.H. Lodging and Restaurant Association has named Mountain View an Environmental Champion, the group's most prestigious honor. This session will showcase the environmental initiatives of the Mountain View Grand Resort & Spa. Come learn more about their efforts and take a tour of the facility.