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Tara Bamford has been leading North Country Council’s community planning program for six years. Prior to that, she served as Executive Director at Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission. Ms. Bamford received her B.S. in Natural Resource Studies from the University of Massachusetts and her M.S. in Natural Resource Planning from the University of Vermont. Ms. Bamford has over 25 years of experience in three states assisting towns with approaches to land use planning that are grounded in the assets and limitations of the natural environment. Several of the model ordinances she has developed were published in the award winning “Innovative Land Use Planning Techniques, A Handbook for Sustainable Development” (NH DES, 2008) for which Ms. Bamford also served on the editorial board. Ms. Bamford is an active member of the planning profession in both New Hampshire and Vermont and currently serves on the Executive Committee for the Northern New England Chapter of the American Planning Association.

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Kyle Barker is a licensed architect and LEED accredited professional. Mr. Barker owns and operates the architectural firm Barker Architects, Inc. and has been in practice since January, 2000. His company’s focus is on sustainable and socially responsible design and he feels the most successful projects are those that serve the community, improve our quality of life, and have a low environmental impact. He has produced many projects for municipalities, non-profits, and school districts, including the $24 million Mascenic School District Improvement Project completed in 2011. Mr. Barker has volunteered many hours of community planning through his involvement in PlanNH and the NH chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

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Timothy Corwin serves as the Assistant City Planner for the City of Dover. He graduated from a small New Hampshire liberal arts college in 1999, earned a Master of City Planning from the University of Pennsylvania in 2001, and a Juris Doctor from Temple University in 2005. After practicing land use law in Pennsylvania for several years, Attorney Corwin moved back to New Hampshire in 2009. He sits on the Executive Committee of the New Hampshire Planners Association and serves as the Legislative Liaison and Chair of the NHPA's Legislative Committee. He is also an attorney with MacDonald and Black, PLLC in Portsmouth where he focuses on land use and zoning. Prior to his tenure with the City of Dover, he served as the Zoning Administrator for the Town of Windham.
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Sandy Crystall has been a Bow Planning Board member since 2002, was a Conservation Commission member for seven years, and chairs the Bow Drinking Water Protection Committee. She has been involved with the development and modification of various parts of the Bow zoning ordinance, as well as the town's Master Plan. She was also involved in the development of the Wetlands Protection chapter of the Innovative Land Use Planning Techniques Handbook published by the NH Department of Environmental Services (NH DES). Ms. Crystall is a professional wetlands scientist with the NH DES where she has worked for 15 years. She has experience with a variety of multidisciplinary environmental programs in the private and public sectors.

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Bev Edwards, Chair
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Bev Edwards has chaired the Temple Energy Committee since 2007. In 2009, the committee's work earned Temple a $332,000 RGGI grant to conduct energy efficiency retrofits for its municipal building, fire department, and library, and expand their educational outreach. In 2011, Ms. Edwards also became the coordinator for Monadnock Energy Resources Initiative, a grassroots organization bringing low-cost weatherization and barn-raiser solar installations to the Monadnock region. Her previous experience in community organizing was in the civil rights movement and as a founder of the Cambridge Women's Center in Cambridge, MA.

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David Foote has served as the Manager of the NH Broadband Mapping & Planning Program since October 2011. He is responsible for the management, coordination, communication, tracking, reporting and planning activities associated with NH's NTIA-funded broadband initiative. After receiving his degree in Education, Mr. Foote began his career at UNH 34 years ago at a time when computers were programmed using punch cards, PC's weren't invented, and the Internet did not exist. As Director of Information Technology and Distance Education for UNH Cooperative Extension, he built one of the first statewide wide area networks in NH using frame relay technology. In addition, he secured resources that built the satellite uplink system on campus and satellite downlink systems around the state. Mr. Foote is one of the founders of “ConnectNH” (formerly the Granite State Distance Learning Network) a consortium of over 40 educational institutions which collaborate to deliver two-way interactive video and high speed Internet throughout NH. A member of the national Association for Communication Excellence (ACE) for 25 years, he received the ACE “Information Technology Award of Excellence” in 2006.

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Kathleen Northrup has served as Chair of the Hooksett Heritage Commission since it was reactivated in 2003. She is retired from the United States District Court in Concord where she was Chief Deputy. Ms. Northrup was on the board of directors of the Robie's Country Store Historic Preservation Corp. from 1998-2004.

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