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## Technical Bulletin on Small Wind Energy Systems

In 2008 the New Hampshire legislature passed HB310, creating a framework for municipalities to regulate the construction of small-scale wind turbines. The law clarifies the obligation municipalities have to encourage renewable energy in a manner that protects the public's health, safety and welfare. It was also constructed in a flexible manner to allow municipalities to adjust their regulations to meet the individual community's goals. In compliance with HB310, the Office of Energy and Planning developed a technical bulletin on Small Wind Energy Systems. The bulletin presents a summary of HB310 and includes a model ordinance to aid communities in drafting regulations that conform with state laws.

For a copy of the model ordinance and technical bulletin:

<http://www.nh.gov/oep/resourcelibrary/swes/index.htm>

## RPC Awarded \$100,000 by the USDA to provide Sullivan County Municipalities with Technical Assistance for Solid Waste Management



*Rhonda Shippee of the USDA presents Christine Walker & Shawn Donovan of UVLSRPC with check.*

At its October meeting, the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission was presented an award of \$100,000 from the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development to provide technical assistance on solid waste reduction and disposal to communities within Sullivan County.

These communities have some potentially costly solid waste issues to face in the near future. They will be able to respond to these issues on a more cost-efficient regional basis and provide sustainable reductions in solid waste with the support, technical advice, and education this grant can provide them. As a direct result of this grant program, communities in the region will be able to learn about new and innovative programs relevant to local needs. The Commission staff will become the regional connection between communities and an authority on solid waste issues including regulation changes that develop throughout the year. An informal group of appointed representatives from the communities will help guide the focus, progress, and technical assistance that the Commission will provide.

For more information about this program, contact Victoria Davis at the Commission.

**UVLSRPC Commissioners**

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<b>Unity:</b>	Vacant
<b>Washington:</b>	John Sheehy
<b>Wilmot:</b>	Vacant
<b>At-Large :</b>	Peter Gregory Mark Scarano

**Changes in Household Hazardous Waste Collections Program**

The household hazardous waste collections have been completed for 2008. Almost 900 households participated in the four collections held in Newport, Newbury, and Lebanon from July to October.

Each year the RPC coordinates household hazardous waste collections throughout the Region and charges each municipality for the related costs according to the number of households participating from each town. The NH Department of Environmental Services provides a small grant to participating towns which the RPC receives to reduce the final bill. The amount of this grant for collections will go down next year as DES will take a portion of the funding and use it for a new innovative program to reduce hazardous waste. An example of an innovative program might be setting up temporary storage buildings to allow greater participation over an extended period of time instead of the once per year collections. Other more non-conventional programs would be considered as well as long as the results could be measured. Applications for both grant programs will be available in mid-November at: <http://des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/p2au/pps/hhwp/index.htm>. The deadline for applications is February 1, 2009. There is a 50/50 match requirement for the innovative grants. You can contact State HHW Coordinator Dean Robinson at 271-2047 for more detailed information.

This year, the RPC has received a USDA grant (see related article) to assist Sullivan County in solid waste management assessment. This grant includes funds to pay for the RPC to assist in the household hazardous waste collections which service Sullivan County towns; so our coordination time and advertising costs for the 2009 collections will be covered by the grant and will not be charged to the towns.

**Washington Develops Plan for Emergency Operations**

The Commission recently assisted the Town of Washington to update their Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP). Commission staff worked with local emergency response officials and volunteers to review recent incidents and to develop improved mechanisms for emergency response. Much of the work involved formalizing and outlining the Town's emergency response to match state and federal standards.

The Washington Emergency Management Committee took on several other initiatives during this planning process to improve emergency response in the Town. Most notably, the Committee delivered a survey to Washington residents to identify individuals who might need extra help in an emergency (such as individuals with special health needs, or those who cannot drive), and recruit volunteers willing to help either with time or resources during an emergency. The information from these survey forms was compiled into an inventory, which will be kept with the LEOP.

**Full Commission Meeting - December 10**

The Full Commission meets every other month on the third Wednesday of that month at 6:00pm.

Upcoming meetings are scheduled for December 10th, February 18th, April 15th and June 17th.

The meetings at present are held at the Senior Center, 10 Campbell Street, Lebanon, NH.

If you plan on attending a meeting, please contact Lori at the office the week before, so that the staff can make accommodations.



**Welcome to our New Commissioners**

Kevin Lee, representing Springfield

Thain Allan, representing Grantham

Ken Morley of Lebanon, representing Grafton County

It is our pleasure to welcome Kevin Lee, Thain Allan and Ken Morley as the newest Commissioners to the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission. We look forward to working with you, gentlemen!

**Upcoming Committee Meetings**

**UVLSRPC Administrative Committee Meeting**

Date: The first Wednesday of every month  
 Location: UVLSRPC Meeting Room  
 30 Bank Street, Lebanon, NH

**UVLSRPC Bylaws Committee Meeting**

Call for Date/Time/Location

**UVLSRPC Finance Committee Meeting**

Date: The first Wednesday of every month  
 Time: 4:00pm  
 Location: UVLSRPC Meeting Room  
 30 Bank Street, Lebanon, NH

**UVLSRPC Joint Loss Management Committee Meeting**

Call for Date/Time  
 UVLSRPC Meeting Room  
 30 Bank Street, Lebanon, NH

**UVLSRPC Nominating Committee Meeting**

Call for Date/Time  
 Location: UVLSRPC Meeting Room  
 30 Bank Street, Lebanon, NH

**UVLSRPC Personnel Committee Meeting**

Call for Date/Time  
 Location: UVLSRPC Meeting Room  
 30 Bank Street, Lebanon, NH

**UVLSRPC Planning Committee Meeting**

Call for Date/Time/Location

**UVLSRPC Program Committee Meeting**

Call for next Date/Time  
 Location: UVLSRPC Meeting Room, 30 Bank Street, Lebanon, NH

**UVLSRPC Strategic Planning Committee Meeting**

Call for Date/Time/Location

## **Community Mobility Coordinator**

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Exciting opportunity to shape the establishment of a coordinated, interconnected, and accessible transportation system in Sullivan County. Three-year, part-time project manager position to be employed by the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission. Considerable experience in communication, board development, negotiation, and facilitation are desired. Please visit [www.uvlsrpc.org](http://www.uvlsrpc.org) for job description or call 603-448-1680. Resume and cover letter can be submitted online or sent to 30 Bank Street, Lebanon, NH 03766.

## **Land Use Planner**

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The Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission, which serves a diverse economic region in the western part of New Hampshire, has an opening for a land use planner. This position requires a professional with excellent inter-personal communication skills and the ability to manage a diverse workload of projects. Applicants should be proficient in community and regional planning, and have some knowledge of transportation, housing, economic development, and environmental issues.

Successful candidate must be able to perform under deadline pressures, and engage the public in collaborative efforts. Requires a bachelor's degree in a related field, and 2-4 years of experience in the planning field. Salary commensurate with experience; Competitive benefits package. Collegial working environment.

To apply, please send a letter of interest, resume, and a writing sample to:

UVLSRPC

30 Bank Street

Lebanon, NH 03766

[info@uvlsrpc.org](mailto:info@uvlsrpc.org)

603-448-1680

## Sullivan County Community Mobility Project Moving Toward Regional Coordinating Council

The CMP has been working for the past three years to implement an improved service delivery system which focuses upon the coordination of human service agencies and transportation providers. This effort is based upon the Governor's Task Force on Community Transportation state-wide plan for the coordination of community transportation services. That study, together with local and regional plans, outlines specific coordination strategies for a new service delivery system.

A pilot project in the Town of Charlestown was the testing ground for various coordination options. Surveys were implemented which suggest strong support for a dedicated bus route from Charlestown to Claremont. A new Red Cross Volunteer driver program was implemented, which provided a car, gas card, and cellular telephone to entice volunteers. Area employers were surveyed to better understand the needs for alternative work force transportation.

Since 2005, the Community Mobility Project (CMP), a cooperative effort of local service providers, local and state officials, funders, and community members seeking to improve transportation options for Sullivan County residents, has been planning to create a Regional Coordinating Council to implement these strategies. This coordinating entity will include transportation providers, funders, and other interests groups who are concerned with the implementation of coordinating policies. Sullivan County is ahead of most rural regions in this effort thanks to the initiating effort of the Sullivan County United Way and funding support from the NH Endowment for Health and the NH Department of Transportation.

## UVLSRPC Secures National Scenic Byways Funds for the Lake Sunapee Scenic Byway

The Lake Sunapee Scenic Byway is a twenty-five mile route that borders the north, east and south perimeter of Lake Sunapee and the scenic roads leading to the Lake area. In the fall, the foliage viewing is spectacular. Besides the natural beauty of the sparkling lake and scenic mountains, the area is rich with abundant wildlife. Maple sugaring, boating, biking, sailing, cycling, snowmobiling, and skiing (cross country and downhill) attract visitors year-round to the Byway.

UVLSRPC has been awarded funds to revitalize the Lake Sunapee Scenic Byways Committee. The Commission will be working with the local businesses, citizens, communities, Chambers of Commerce, and other interested parties to build awareness and a vision for the byway at a grass roots level. The Committee will explore the byway and options for connecting the ends of the byway and extending the byway to connect to the Connecticut River Scenic Byway. To be a part of this exciting opportunity or learn more, please contact Jenny Devost.

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The RPC Newsletter is periodically mailed to our member communities, regional planning offices, and other interested folks. If you would like to join our mailing list or if you would like to have your contact information updated, please call us or e-mail us at [info@uvlsrpc.org](mailto:info@uvlsrpc.org)

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## **DVD Library Expanding**

UVLSRPC has added the following American Planning Association videos to its DVD library:

### **Complete Streets**

Make room for pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit users on your auto-oriented roads. Learn how the complete streets movement provides safe and convenient user access and more choice in transportation modes, and how it has become a major tool for planning to improve communities.

### **Mastering Density**

In this program, presenters demonstrate how to achieve density through design, as well as how to understand the economics of density. Learn how density works with transportation and ultimately affects sustainability. Examine density's effects and benefits. Gain ideas on how to present the concept of density to achieve critical buy-in.

### **Design Guidelines for Small Towns and Rural Communities**

Explore the unique approaches planners are using to develop commercial and residential guidelines that are mindful of small-town and rural character.

### **Confronting NIMBYs (Not In My BackYard)**

Communities must provide for unpopular uses as mandated by law. Presenters discuss both the ever-evolving nature of NIMBYism and the legal requirements related to NIMBYs, followed by discussions of how to place these uses and how to regulate them to lessen negative impacts.

Coming soon... the NH regional planning commissions have joined together to purchase the 2009 APA web conference series. Topics include Renewable Local Energy, Infrastructure, CIP and Alternative Transportation, Designing for Water Conservation, Creating Successful Meetings, and Great Plans, Great Communities.

Videos are available to borrow at no charge. Or, contact us and we can bring the video to your community for groups of fifteen or more. Please contact Jenny Devost for more information.