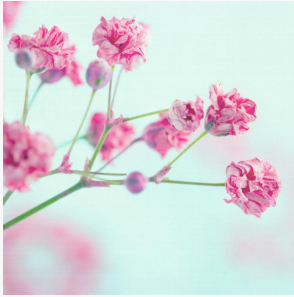




June 2022 – eBulletin

Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission



Happy New (Fiscal) Year!

As we are nearing the end of our Fiscal Year on June 30th the office is buzzing with change. As of June 1st, we have been operating out of our new and smaller space at 10 Water Street. We have significantly downsized our space while maintaining a healthy workplace environment equipped with everything our planners may need. Our office functions as a hybrid workplace in order to support

flexibility and keep expenses low.

As our physical office environment has changed, we have also seen some staffing changes. Planner Alex Belenz has left UVLSRPC and we wish him well on his next chapter! In mid-May, we welcomed Intern Drew Grenier to the team to assist with field work and research green infrastructure best practices for our communities. In late May, we welcomed Associate Planner Andrea Cass to the team. Andrea is starting work on the organization's communications efforts as well as playing a key role in the housing and transportation work. In late May, we welcomed Associate Planner Benjamin Gress to the team. Benjamin is starting on updating our GIS geodata portal and will play a key role in data processing in the housing and transportation work.

At our Annual Meeting on June 8th, we thanked our Commissioners for volunteering and welcomed new Commissioners and Officers to the team.

The end of the fiscal year, and the warm weather, have brought a burst of energy to the organization. We are looking forward to our next fiscal year!

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NH Ten-Year Plan Process

NH Ten-Year Plan Process has started. UVLSRPC is soliciting municipalities for regional priority projects.

Non-binding Letters of Interest due to UVLSRPC by **June 20th**. The LOI can be found [here](#).



The Workings of a Planning Board Webinar (NH Municipal Assoc.)

Virtual: Wednesday, June 29, 2022 - 11:30am to 1:00pm

This webinar is geared for new planning board members and alternates, as well as seasoned veterans who want a refresher course on planning board basics.

Join NHMA attorneys who will discuss what is a completed application, the timeline for

planning board review, conducting meetings and public hearings, the use of third-party consultants, the zoning amendment process, scattered and premature development, off-site exactions, innovative land use controls, driveways, the Right-to-Know Law and more.

To register, click [here](#).

Clean School Bus Program Funding (EPA)

Applications due August 19, 2022

With funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, EPA's new Clean School Bus Program provides \$5 billion over the next five years (FY 2022-2026) to replace existing school buses with zero-emission and low-emission models. EPA is offering \$500 million through the [2022 Clean School Bus Rebates](#) for zero-emission and low-emission school bus rebates as the first funding opportunity.



In the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Region, five cities/towns are designated as “prioritized school districts.” If awarded, these towns receive larger clean school bus (\$25k to \$375k) and charging infrastructure than non-prioritized school districts. These cities/towns include: **Enfield** (Mascoma Valley Reg School District), **Lempster** (Goshen-Lempster SAU Office and Lempster School District), **Lyme** (Lyme SAU Office and Lyme School District), **New London** (Kearsarge Regional SAU Office and Kearsarge Regional School District), and **Orford** (Rivendell Interstate School District and Rivendell Interstate Supervisory District).

For more information, click [here](#) or contact Andrea Cass at acass@uvlsrpc.org.



Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSE) Survey

Conducted by a coalition of regional planning commissions, state agencies, and other electric vehicle partners, the goal of this [brief survey](#) is to understand where our municipalities currently stand with electric vehicles (EVs) and EV charging infrastructure and where support from regional/state partners

is needed.

Please contact Todd Horner at Southwest Region Planning Commission with any questions: thorner@swrpc.org.

NEW LinkedIn Page

We are now on LinkedIn! The purpose of this page is to keep our community updated with the latest articles, announcements, and funding opportunities.

To follow the UVLSRPC on LinkedIn, click [here](#).

Culvert Field Work

This summer, staff at the Commission will be conducting stream crossing assessments in Hanover and communities such as Unity, Acworth, Charlestown in the Cold River Watershed. This field work is part of the Statewide Asset Data Exchange System (SADES), an initiative to


Human and Beaver Dams: When and How to Remove

Wednesday June 29, 6-7:30PM

To register, click [here](#).

Dams can be spotted across the Upper Connecticut River Watershed. Whether the engineer is a beaver or person, these structures have an incredible impact on our human and natural ecosystems – water quality, animal and plant diversity, flood control. Beavers, a keystone species, can build them to people's annoyance or celebration.

The beaver deceiver is a system where the two engineering species work together for a mutually beneficial dam. Old human-made dams on the Connecticut River tributaries have become a symbol of past industries and community. When is it time to commit these structures to the history books? How can we live better with beavers? Join us to learn more from Tyler Brown, Wildlife Specialist with the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources, & Ron Rhodes, Director of Restoration Programs with the Connecticut River Conservancy.



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SPEAKERS

Ron Rhodes, Director of Restoration Programs, Connecticut River Conservancy
Ron joined CRC in 2011 as a NewVT River Steward, spending most of his time removing old dams, planting trees, and working with landowners and partners to implement river restoration projects. Now, Ron is the Director of Restoration Programs where he leads CRC's department's Beaver Baffle Program as well as assisting and repairing habitat restoration programs throughout the watershed in NH, VT, MA, and CT, and determines short and long range restoration program opportunities. Ron is a graduate of Wittenberg University in Springfield, OH where he majored in Political Science and Economics. Prior to moving to the Upper Valley, where he lives with his wife Betty, Ron worked in politics and government in Washington D.C. and Ohio.

Tyler Brown, Wildlife Specialist, Vermont Agency of Natural Resources
Tyler started working as a seasonal with the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department in 2012 and was hired full-time in 2022. He has BS in wildlife biology from the University of Vermont. Tyler is responsible for the department's Beaver Baffle Program as well as assisting with the Beaver program. He also provides technical assistance to private landowners in Windsor and Windsor Counties as part of NH's EQIP program. Tyler is an avid outdoorsman, enjoying time spent hunting, fishing, trapping, foraging, and beekeeping. He can often be found exploring the beautiful public lands of Vermont.

A part of the Riverside Connecticut River Speaker Series

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To learn more about the Connecticut River Joint Commissioners visit: <https://www.crcv.org/>

2022 Erosion Control Field Day

Training for professionals working in soils, erosion control, water quality, public works, engineering, and consulting.

For more information, click [here](#).

June 28, 2022, 8:30 AM — 3:30 PM

RSVP by June 22nd

Stevens High School, 175 Broad St
Claremont, NH 03743



Keys Corner

Got Thoughts on Housing?



The Regional Planning Commission is conducting lunchtime roundtables with those who build, develop, or rehabilitate housing to better inform the Regional Housing Needs Assessment. SIGNUPS ENCOURAGED!

Lebanon: Wed July 13th

Social Service Provider Survey

Survey is open through June 15th, 2022

For the survey, click [here](#).

Are you a New Hampshire social service provider on the front lines of housing? UVLSRPC is conducting a survey of social services providers who have first-hand experience with the challenges our residents face with regards to housing.

Your contribution to this survey will help to better assess New Hampshire's current

New London: Thurs July 14th
Piermont: Tues July 19th
Claremont: Wed July 20th
via Zoom: Sat July 16th and Thurs July 21st

network of services and collectively solve our housing challenges.

All meetings are **12 to 1:30 pm**. In-person events will have lunch provided.

For more info, scan the QR code or visit this [website](#).

Join a "How to Apply" Webinar on the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Opportunity

Starting next week, the U.S. Department of Transportation will host three informational webinars for the first round of grants for the [Safe Streets and Roads for All \(SS4A\)](#) discretionary grant program. These "How to Apply" webinars will feature information to help potential applicants learn about the SS4A grant program and what they need to know to prepare an application.

The first webinar will provide a general overview of the SS4A program, the grant application process, and the available grant types, while the next two webinars will delve more deeply into each type of grant offered: Action Plan Grants and Implementation Grants. The fiscal year 2022 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for Safe Streets and Roads for All grants is live on [Grants.gov](#) and on the [SS4A website](#). *The deadline for applications is 5:00 p.m. (EDT) on September 15, 2022.*

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Schedule

All collections are **9:00 am—Noon**

Sat, May 7—Lebanon High School, 195 Hanover Street

Sat, June 4 —Claremont Highway Garage, 8 Grandview Street

Fri, July 15 —Lebanon High School, 195 Hanover Street (off Rt 120)

Sat, August 6—New London Highway Garage, 184 South Pleasant

TIME CHANGE in New London—NOW Noon—3:00 PM

Please Note: The Town of New London collection time has changed due to a parade through town.



For additional information on what to bring click [here](#), or email Victoria Davis at vdavis@uvlsrpc.org.

UVLSRPC Commission Meeting Calendar 2022

August 10, 2022
October 12, 2022
December 7, 2022
February 8, 2023
April 12, 2023
June 7, 2023

Time and Location TBD

Picture: Commission Staff at the Annual Meeting

If you have any questions or concerns, please call Chris at 603-448-1680



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