



**NH OFFICE OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT (OPD)
SPRING 2024 PLANNING & ZONING CONFERENCE
SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2024**

ONLINE CONFERENCE DETAILED AGENDA

(ALL SESSIONS WILL BE RECORDED AND AVAILABLE ON [OPD'S YOUTUBE PAGE](#) FOLLOWING THE CONFERENCE)

HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND HOUSING TRACK

8:45 – 9:00 AM

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Noah Hodgetts, Principal Planner, NH Office of Planning & Development

9:00 – 10:15 AM

PRESERVATION 101: THE BASICS OF PRESERVATION COMMISSIONS

Andrew Cushing, Community Preservation Services Manager, NH Preservation Alliance

Brandee Loughlin, Preservation Planning & Development Coordinator, NH Division of Historical Resources

This session will provide an overview and introduction to the roles and responsibilities of historic preservation commissions in NH. Attendees will learn about the enabling legislation that establishes preservation commissions and the differences between a historic district commission vs. a heritage commission and their roles in land use management at the municipal level. The session will cover the basics of what a preservation ordinance should contain, as well as rules of procedure, and other mechanics of a historic district commission. Take aways from the session will be general preservation best practices, an introduction to the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties, and other useful tools for historic district commissions to be effective at their role in preserving their community's heritage while keeping their community vital and viable.

10:15 – 10:30 AM

BREAK



10:30 – 11:45 AM

INFILL DEVELOPMENT AND DESIGN GUIDELINES

Chris Skelly, Principal, Skelly Preservation Services

Where should we put a new building? How about in the historic district! New infill development in our historic downtowns, village centers and neighborhoods offers many benefits, such as a sustainable development pattern, economic development, additional housing, increased property taxes, and less dependence on automobiles. Yet, concerns over new development in historic districts are common and for good reason. The impacts of incompatible new construction can have long lasting consequences. During this session, attendees will gain an understanding of how infill development can provide new vitality and enrich the setting of a historic district. By reviewing the concepts and philosophies of infill, attendees will learn what to watch out for and what works best in historic areas. For those serving on a local historic district commission, this session will explain the importance of including infill within your design guidelines. For anyone concerned about new development, a takeaway from this session will be understanding the basic tools you need to make sure infill development is a benefit to your historic community.

11:45 AM – 12:45 PM

LUNCH BREAK

12:45 – 2:00 PM

WORKING TOWARDS HOUSING CHOICE: LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE HOP GRANT PROGRAM

Judi Barrett, Founder and Managing Director, Barrett Planning Group LLC

John Christ, Planning Board Chair, Town of Plymouth, NH

Susan MacLeod, Land Use Secretary, Town of Sandwich, NH

Joseph Perez, Town Planner, Town of Plymouth, NH

Dave Sharples, Town Planner, Town of Exeter, NH

Mike Tardiff, Executive Director, Central NH Regional Planning Commission

As part of Governor Sununu's \$100 million InvestNH initiative, \$5 million was dedicated to municipal planning and zoning efforts. Hear how five communities across the state that received a Housing Opportunity Planning (HOP) grant to enact housing-friendly regulatory changes faired at town meeting. Municipal planners and consultants involved with HOP grants in Boscawen, Canterbury, Exeter, Plymouth, and Sandwich will detail the unique approaches developed to address housing needs in these communities. Panelists will also share challenges, successes, lessons learned, and the role community engagement played in getting their project across the finish line.



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2:00 – 2:15 PM

BREAK

2:15 - 3:30 PM

WHAT'S OLD IS NEW AGAIN: AFFORDABLE HOMEOWNERSHIP AND COMMUNITY

*Sarah Marchant, Chief of Staff and VP of ROC-NH, NH Community Loan Fund
Nathan Reichert, Planning & Development Director, City of Lebanon, NH*

Cottage style development are new twists on existing land use forms of neighborhoods we already have throughout NH, but cannot effectively be built today. This session will focus on solutions, discussing options for affordable homeownership and great communities with existing examples from northern and southern NH, on municipal water and sewer or private well and septic. Let's revisit what's old to find real solutions to today's housing crisis.

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