

Join NHMA and the New Hampshire Office of Strategic Initiatives for the

# Fall 2019 Land Use Law Conference

(formerly known as the Municipal Law Lecture Series)



9:00 am—3:00 pm

Saturday, October 5, 2019

Holiday Inn, 172 North Main Street, Concord



## The Legal Authority of a Planning Board in New Hampshire

*Laura Spector-Morgan, Esquire, Mitchell Municipal Group, P.A.*

This session is for planning board members who want a refresher course on the legal authority of the Planning Board in New Hampshire. Topics for discussion include Subdivision and Site Plan Review, Excavations, Innovative Land Use under RSA 674:21, Capital Improvement Planning, Master Plans and more.

## Planning Board Procedural Basics

*Stephen C. Buckley, Legal Services Counsel, NH Municipal Association*

This session is for planning board members who want a refresher course on procedural basics. Topics for discussion include 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, off-site exactions, conflicts of interests, the Right-to-Know law and more.

## Roles and Responsibilities of the Zoning Board of Adjustment

*Christopher L. Boldt, Esq., Donahue, Tucker & Ciandella PLLC, Meredith, NH*

This session will provide a detailed look at the statutory responsibilities of the ZBA including appeals of administrative decisions, special exceptions, and variances. This session will also provide an in-depth discussion of how the case law interprets the five variance criteria. Time will be devoted to participant questions.

## ZBA Decision Making Process

*Christine Fillmore, Esq., Drummond Woodsum, Manchester, NH*

*Matthew Serge, Esq., Drummond Woodsum, Manchester, NH*

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 need to decide right then and there? What if you only have four members present? Can there be conditions of approval? Do you vote on each of the criteria separately? Do you need to vote on anything at all? If these and other questions have plagued your ZBA, this session is for you.

## Legal Update

*Benjamin D. Frost, Esq., AICP, New Hampshire Housing, Bedford, NH*

This session will review recent New Hampshire Supreme Court decisions involving land use issues and the impact they have on municipal planning and zoning. Recently enacted legislation that affects the responsibilities and authority of municipal planning and zoning boards will also be discussed.

## Land Use Board Boot Camp

*Tim Corwin, Esq., AICP, Senior Planner, Lebanon, NH*

*Shawn Tanguay, Esq., Drummond Woodsum, Manchester, NH*

Appropriate for beginning members, seasoned veterans, as well as land use administrators, this session will provide an overview on the mechanics of a land use board meeting. Discussion will touch on requirements for legal notice, meeting procedure and conduct, conflicts of interest, Right to Know issues, and more. The session will conclude with Q&A.

Cost is \$100 and includes continental breakfast, lunch, and program materials

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