

SRPC Planning Board UPDATE

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The NHMA is hosting two upcoming webinars helpful for municipal volunteers.

On Wednesday, Apr. 15 the "ZBA Basics in New Hampshire" webinar will take place from noon - 1 p.m. This training is intended for new volunteer member of local Zoning Boards of Adjustment (ZBA).

Hosted by legal services counsel Stephen Buckley and municipal services counsel Natch Greyes, the webinar will include a basic overview of the organization's powers and duties, and relevant statutory and case law authority to make public service both more enjoyable and productive. Learn more or register [online](#).

Similarly, for planning board members, a "The Workings of a Planning Board" webinar will take place on May 14 from noon - 1 p.m. This webinar differs slightly as it is geared towards both new planning board members and alternates, as well as seasoned veterans, who want a refresher course on planning board basics.

Again hosted by Stephen Buckley and Counsel Natch Greyes, the training will cover what's included in a completed application, the timeline for planning board review, conducting meetings and public hearings, making use of third-party consultants, subdivision and site plan approval, retooling your zoning to improve housing affordability and supply, the zoning amendment process, off-site exactions, innovative land use controls, driveways, the Right-to-Know Law and more.

Learn more, or register, [online](#).

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The NH Planners Association has re-shifted its annual conference to be completely virtual in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. This event will now occur over three separate days from 2-3:30 p.m. on June 4, 11, and 18, respectively.

Nominations for the awards given at the conference are now open, with an extended deadline of May 6 at 4:30 p.m. Awards are given in the following categories, citizen planner, professional planner, project and plan. Criteria for the nominations can be found [online](#), along with the nomination form. Nominations must be emailed to nhplanners@gmail.com. More information about virtual conference sessions will be forthcoming.

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In early April the Office of Strategic Initiatives (OSI) shared that due to the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak, and the surrounding uncertainties, they were cancelling their 2020 Spring Planning and Zoning Conference. The conference will resume in the Spring of 2021.

In lieu of a Spring Conference this year, OSI will be partnering with the New Hampshire Municipal Association (NHMA) to offer a Fall Planning and Zoning Conference on Saturday, October 31, 2020 in Concord. Further information will be provided closer to October.