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**1** UNH Cooperative Extension has put together a webpage for "Tips and Tools for Virtual Meetings." This page has handouts on best practices, relevant recorded webinars, and even a helpful contact section for more information. View the resource at <https://extension.unh.edu/resource/tips-and-tools-virtual-meetings>.

**2** The April issue of the Yankee Planner, a publication of the Northern New England Chapter of the American Planning Association, is now live. This resource includes information on "Tips for Running a Safe Public Meeting" virtually, local planner news, an update on a 2.5 million square foot mixed use development project in Salem, NH, and additional articles written by NNECAPA members. Check it out [online](#).

**3** The Michigan State University National Charrette Institute and the Form-Based Codes Institute at Smart Growth America are hosting a webinar titled "Tools & Techniques for Virtual Community Engagement" on June 2, 2020 at 2 p.m. The webinar is free and will cover how community leaders can engage stakeholders and other members of the public in important local decisions while staying home.

Experts and practitioners will discuss how a range of virtual engagement tools are being used to bring citizen stakeholders into critical public policy decision making when face-to-face engagement is not an option, and how this have even made it easier for stakeholders to engage in some scenarios.

Discussion will include what platforms are being used and how, and possibilities for expanding engagement in the long-term when using these tools.

Learn more [online](#).

**4** Save the date for Plan NH's fall conference, Equity in Community Planning and Building Design. This event is planned to take place at the Puritan Backroom from 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 17. Conference presenters will dive into issues like, "what is equity and why should we care?" and "how can planners and designers incorporate thinking about equity in their work?" Themes covered will include an overview of equity, and planning and designing for dementia, cultural differences, mobility, sensory challenges and more.

Registration is planned to open in early summer. AICP and AIA credits will be sought for this.

Any changes will be posted on the Plan NH website. Learn more [online](#).