

Tri-City Elected City Officials Workshop

*Dover * Rochester * Somersworth*

April 19, 2012

Presented by staff from the New Hampshire Municipal Association
and the Local Government Center

6:00 p.m. **Welcoming Remarks and Overview of LGC/NHMA Services**

Judy A. Silva, Deputy Director for Legal Services and Government Affairs

6:15 p.m. **Right to Know Law: Public Meetings**

“Openness in the conduct of public business is essential to a democratic society.” RSA 91-A:1. This session will explain the requirements for public meetings, nonpublic sessions and minutes of meetings, and the use and misuse of electronic communication, including social media.

Right to Know Law: Governmental Records

This session will deal with the public’s right to inspect and copy governmental records, including electronic records, and the valid exemptions from disclosure.

Cordell A. Johnston, Government Affairs Counsel

7:15 p.m. **Retirement Update**

Current issues regarding the financial status of the New Hampshire Retirement System will be addressed, including proposed rate increases, legislative proposals and other potential system changes.

Barbara T. Reid, Government Finance Advisor

8:00 p.m. **NHMA Government Affairs Program, State Aid and Other Current Legislative Issues**

Members of NHMA’s Government Affairs staff will describe NHMA’s legislative policy process, discuss why involvement of city officials is critical, and explain how local officials can best participate. The presentation will include a review of current legislative issues, including state aid in the State budget and an update on the 2012 legislative session.

*Judy A. Silva, Deputy Director for Legal Services and Government Affairs
Michael R. Williams, Government Affairs Attorney*

8:30 p.m. **Adjourn**