

2022 Webinar Series



Legislative Half-Time

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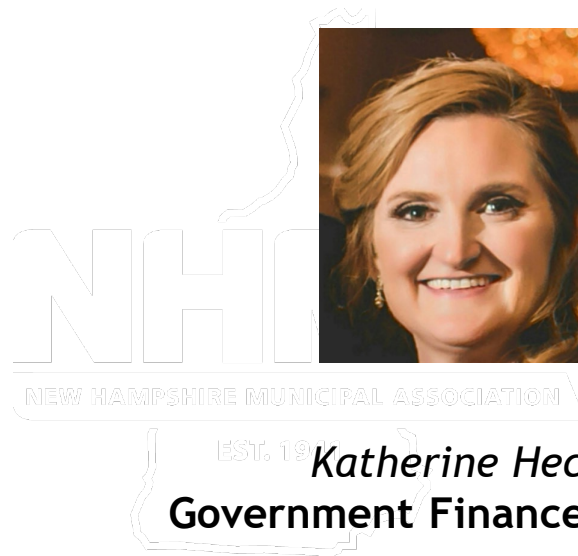
Our Presenters



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HB1033 - Anti- Lobbying Bill

Died in the House

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Zoning Bills



- ▶ SB 249, short-term rentals, allowing STRs everywhere. In the House.
- ▶ SB 400, omnibus housing bill. In the House.
- ▶ HB 1021, Land or structures for religious purposes: No zoning ordinance or site plan review regulation shall prohibit, regulate or restrict the use of land or structures for religious purposes. In the Senate.

Housing Appeals Board



- ▶ HB 1307, modifying authority and duties of HAB. In the Senate.
- ▶ (Repeal Failed in House - HB 1216)



SB 443 - Local Building Code Amendments



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Assessor-Related Bills



- ▶ **SB 312**, providing that the assessors and selectmen shall, as part of creating an annual revised inventory of taxable property, correct any errors in existing appraisals. NHMA supports **SB 312** as it allows errors in assessments to be corrected on an annual basis rather than requiring the town to wait for the 5-year reappraisal, rectifying the effect of the recent New Hampshire Supreme Court decision in **Merrimack Premium Outlets, et al. v. Town of Merrimack**.
- ▶ **SB 317**, a NHMA Policy Bill, that would reduce the interest rate for abatements of property taxes from six percent to four percent. This reduction reflects the proportional adjustments that the legislature made to the late property tax bill interest rate in 2018.

Health Officer Bills

- ▶ HB 1272, Limiting the authority of town health officers
- ▶ HB 1268, Repealing the authority to enact city ordinances for the well-being of the city



HB 1073 - Attorney-Client Privilege Exemption Repeal



SB 344 - Remote Meetings



In the House

HB 597 - Privacy Bill



In the Senate

Election Bills



- ▶ HB 1064 - Hand counting ballots. Died in House.
- ▶ HB 1247 - Hand counting folded ballots. Died in House.



Marijuana Legalization



- ▶ HB 1598, legalizing cannabis and selling at state-run stores.
- ▶ Profit Distribution -
 - ▶ Fifty percent to the education trust fund,
 - ▶ Thirty percent to offset the retirement system's unfunded accrued liability,
 - ▶ Ten percent, or \$25,000,000, whichever is less, to DHHS for substance use-related education, treatment, etc.,
 - ▶ Five percent to public safety agencies,
 - ▶ Five percent of remaining funds to DHHS for children's behavioral health services.
- ▶ In Senate.

Vaccine Legislation



- ▶ HB 1210, Omnibus Vaccine Exemption Bill. In the Senate.



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- **HB 1494 - Telephone Company ROW Exemption**
- **HB 1328** -allows telephone companies to be relieved of their carrier of last resort obligations.

HB 1417 - 7.5% State Contribution to Retirement System



- HB 1535- COLA- one-time payment of \$500
- HB 1587-Changes Average Final Compensation for Group II members hired on or after July 1, 2011
- SB 363- Group II Service Credits

HB 1070 - Default Budget Recalculation



01481 Wogale City - Table A2 Budgeted Financial Performance (revenue)

Standard Classification Description	Ref	2005/06	2006/07
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Revenue - Standard			
Municipal governance and administration		190,648	255,1
Executive and council		2	
Mayor and Council		2	
Municipal Manager		-	
Budget and treasury office		-	58,1
Corporate services		190,646	197,0
Human Resources		2,100	1,8
Information Technology		1,042	
Property Services		1,811	10,6
Other Admin		185,693	184,4
Community and public safety		26,779	19,4
Community and social services		6,061	4,8
Libraries and Archives		62	2
Museums & Art Galleries etc		2	
Community halls and Facilities		128	1
Cemeteries & Crematoriums		1,513	1,8
Child Care		-	
Aged Care		-	
Other Community		-	

HB 1026 - “Active Spreadsheet Format” for Municipal Budgets Committees

Finance Bills



- ▶ HB 1204, Meals & Rooms Increase Percent/Decrease Tax Bill - Interim Study
- ▶ SB 437, local option fee for municipal transportation
- ▶ SB 338, local option municipal occupancy fee
- ▶ SB 402 and SB 409, relative to disaster relief loans.
- ▶ HB 1665, establishing a municipal road and bridge disaster relief fund.

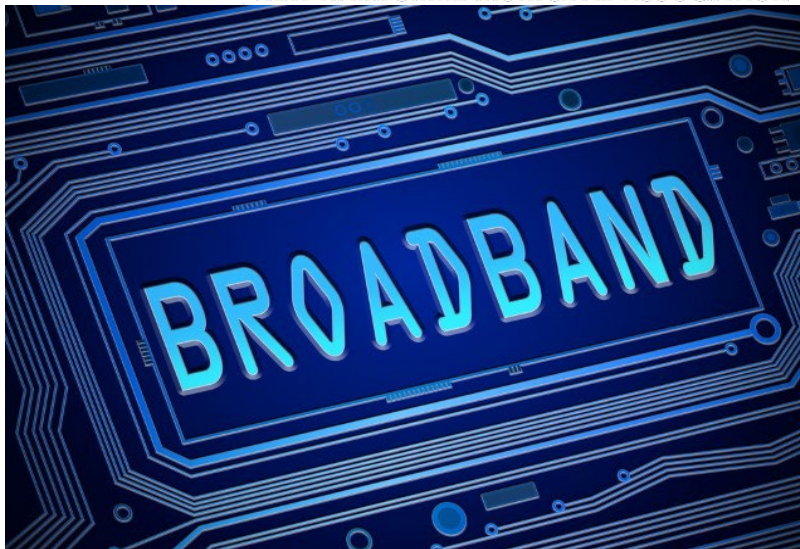
Compliance



- ▶ HB 1318- establishes penalties for non-compliance with NHRS reporting requirements
- ▶ SB 239 establishes a fine for noncompliance with municipal audit requirements.

Broadband

- ✓ **SB 273-** allows a special meeting for broadband bonds.
- ✓ **SB 445**-appropriates \$122 million for broadband matching grants using ARPA funds.



Proposed Property Tax Relief

- ▶ **HB 1221-Amendment #1294s**, proposes suspension of the state road toll (gas tax)
- ▶ **SB 401-** Using state general fund surplus generated in fiscal year 2022:
 - ▶ \$36 million in municipal bridge aid;
 - ▶ \$30 million in municipal highway block grants;
 - ▶ \$1 million toward the body worn and dashboard camera fund.
- ▶ **SB 420** -establishes “extraordinary need grants” for schools



HB 398-Funding Wastewater Projects



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HB 412- Funding Water Projects



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9:00 am - 1:00 pm, Thursday, April 28, 2022. Costs: \$65 (in-person); \$55 (virtual/Zoom). Join NHMA's attorneys as they discuss the requirements for holding a proper public meeting as well as provide guidance on handling of governmental record matters.

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9:00 am -12:30 pm, Thursday, May 5, 2022. Cost is \$65 (in-person) and \$55 (virtual). Join NHMA's legal services attorneys who will discuss the management of local highways through the office of an elected or appointed road agent, the select board, and planning board.

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FREE virtual workshops for veteran and newly-elected municipal officials and appointed employees of NHMA member municipalities.

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