



# 2019 Annual Report



**Shaun Mulholland**  
Chairman of Board  
City Manager, Lebanon

The NHMA Annual Report serves as a gauge of NHMA's effectiveness in advancing our mission, while allowing members to reflect and assess whether they are taking full advantage of the services we provide. In addition to the summary in this Annual Report, exciting events for NHMA in 2019 included the launch of our new website and the addition of Attorney Natch Greyes, our Municipal Services Counsel. When we reflect on 2019, we continue to see strong support from our members through their engagement in NHMA events and services.



**Margaret Byrnes**  
Executive Director



## Membership

Represent **233** out of  
**234** cities and towns in  
New Hampshire

**31** *Affiliate*  
*Members*  
representing  
municipal  
professions

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**54** *Associate Members*, including **8** counties,  
**8** regional planning commissions, **6** fire districts, **14**  
water and sewer districts, **12** village districts

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## Legal Services



**3,119** legal inquires in 2019

### *Top 5 legal inquiries*

Planning Board, Right-to-Know Law, Selectmen's Authority and Procedures, ZBA and Library law

**9** workshops with over **1185** attendees

### *3 Amicus Briefs*

filed on behalf of municipal interests

**27 On-Demands** with over **550** attendees



## Website

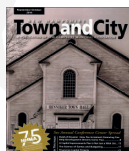
**870,793** page views on

[www.nhmunicipal.org](http://www.nhmunicipal.org), a **5%** increase



## Communications

**2,400** subscribers to *New Hampshire Town and City*



**2,800** subscribers to *NewsLink*



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## Advocacy

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**288** bills impacting cities and towns tracked and monitored in 2019

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Successfully achieved **10** policy bills, **3** of which were vetoed by the governor

**1,219** subscribers to *Legislative Bulletin*

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## Education and Training

**25** workshops with **1250** attendees

**17** webinars

**1,077** registrants

**730** attendees

**68%** attendance rate

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**532** members accessed NHMA's webinar archive

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**544** municipal officials from **146** cities and towns attended 78<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, representing a **60%** attendance rate

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# New Hampshire: *By the Numbers*

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## Population

**48** towns 1 – 1,000  
**115** 1,001 – 5,000  
**41** 5,001 – 10,000  
**17** 10,001 – 20,000  
**13** More than 20,000

**163** towns (**69.6%**)  
 have a resident popu-  
 lation of **5,000** or less

## Forms of Government

**13** City Government  
**2** Mayor/Board of Alderman  
**11** Council-Mayor

**56,100** local government  
 employees in New Hamp-  
 shire

(Source: NH Employment Security)

## Types of Administration

**72** SB 2/Official Ballot  
 Towns  
**141** Traditional Towns  
**8** Charter Towns (Town Council)

**28** Town Manager  
**118** Town  
 Administrator  
**11** City Manager

### About NHMA

NHMA is a non-profit, non-partisan membership association established in 1941. It is a member-funded, member-governed, and member driven association that works to strengthen New Hampshire cities and towns and enhance their ability to serve the public.

For more information about NHMA, please visit our website at [www.nhmunicipal.org](http://www.nhmunicipal.org).