

YANKEE PLANNER SUMMER 2022

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President’s Update

Meagan Tuttle, AICP

Welcome to the new NNECAPA Executive Committee!

The new year began a new term for Chapter Officers and Section representatives. I look forward to working with the Executive Committee, leadership of the state Sections, and all Chapter members for the 2022-2023 term! New Chapter Officers include Sam Durfee (NH) as Treasurer and Cat Bryars (VT) as Secretary. Jeff Levine (ME) will continue as Public Information Officer, and past president Sarah Marchant (NH) has taken over as Professional Development Officer. We are also happy to welcome state Section representatives Sarah Wraight (VT), Eric Vorwald (VT), Matt Sullivan (NH), Kyle Pimental (NH), Amanda Bunker (ME), and Cat Ingraham (ME).



The Executive Committee also has openings for Faculty and Student representatives. If you’re interested or know someone who would be a great fit to represent our members in higher education on the Committee, please reach out to me at president@nnecapa.org

NPC 2022 live in San Diego and online

After a two-year Covid-induced hiatus, APA brought back a live National Planning Conference in San Diego. Over 3,000 attendees joined from all parts the US as well as representatives from the Canadian, UK, and Australian planning associations. Thousands more joined via the three-day NPC online two weeks later. About 20 Northern New Englanders made the trip to San Diego and another 15 joined online.

The conference also included the first in-person Chapter Presidents Council meetings in two years, and was my first CPC business meeting representing NNECAPA. I was also introduced to a peer network that I'll meet with throughout the year including presidents of Chapters of a similar size to NNECAPA.

New Mandatory CM Credits

Beginning in January 2022, AICP members are able to start logging two new mandatory credits for CM maintenance. In addition to Law and Ethics, planners will also earn credits in Ethics and a targeted topic—for the current CM cycle this will be Sustainability & Resilience. Each of the 4 mandatory topics will require 1 hour of CM credits during each two-year cycle (Law and Ethics have been adjusted from 1.5 hours to 1 hour.) These new credit options were reflected in the NPC in-person and online programming, as well as in the Chapter's webinar series and the forth coming Northern New England Planning Conference in the fall.

If you have questions about CM requirements or are interested in obtaining AICP certification, contact Professional Development Officer, Sarah Marchant at pdo@nnecapa.org

Forthcoming Equitable Zoning Policy Guide

In late June, APA will be convening a Chapter Delegate assembly to guide APA's development of an Equitable Zoning Reform policy guide. The Equitable Zoning Reform policy guide will address one of the top three policy priorities for 2022—zoning reform and housing opportunity—and will be a complement to the Planning for Equity guide that was adopted in 2019. During the assembly, delegates will consider adopting a draft guide developed by APA's member-led working groups and the national Legislative & Policy committee. If adopted by the delegates, the policy will be ratified by APA's Board of Directors and published for all members.

Find out more about APA policy guides and national advocacy efforts:
<https://www.planning.org/policy/priorities/>

National Planning Award Nominations Open June 20

Submit your planning work for consideration for a 2023 APA National Planning Award. Award categories include Resilience & Sustainability, Advancing Diversity & Social Change, Planning Excellence, and the Daniel Burnham Award for a Comprehensive Plan. Nominations are accepted June 20 through July 8, 2023. Learn more about eligibility, categories, and criteria at: www.planning.org/awards. Email awards@planning.org with any questions.

2022 Northern New England Planning Conference

Monday, October 17 – Wednesday, October 19, 2022

Sunday River Resort, Newry Maine

Serendipitous Partnerships; Unique Results

Join us at our annual fall conference

The conference committee has spent months working on an agenda that will touch on all aspects of the planning world in Northern New England. This year's conference includes an additional half day of programming, kicking off with a lunch keynote speaker on Monday. Between Monday and Wednesday, you will have the opportunity to earn CM Credits. In addition to the Annual State Cocktail Competition, this year's conference will also see the return of our Annual Awards Program dinner. Tuesday we will host sponsors and exhibitors throughout the day with specific networking time with them. Check out the enclosed agenda for more, and register below. (Note, the agenda is in draft form and subject to change.)

[Register Today](#)

NOTE: If possible, we recommend payments by check due to the additional credit/debit card transaction fees paid by registrants and the Chapter (instructions on registration page). Payments are expected prior to the conference so please plan accordingly.

[View Conference Agenda](#)

[Speaker Bios](#)

Sunday River has many different types of rooms. Most include a full kitchenette and living room. Some also have very comfortable murphy beds so be sure to view the different types before making your selection!

[Book Your Room](#)

Become a Sponsor Today!

Each year the NNECAPA conference provides businesses and organizations with an opportunity to build on existing relationships with the planning community and establish new ones, reaching out across New England to promote their services. We expect to have up to 250 - 300 planners and related professionals from Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont, as well as from Southern New England. We have four different [sponsor levels](#) which are very affordable and will provide you exposure.

[Become a Conference Sponsor](#)

Questions: contact [Nancy Kilbride](#), Chapter Administrator

[Amanda Bunker](#), Conference Co-Chair

[Carl Eppich](#), Conference Co-Chair

COVID Policies - can we dream it will not be an issue in October!

Subject to change based on the recommendations from CDC and the state of Maine:

All attendees are required to show proof (a photo is fine) of a completed vaccination upon check-in at registration, or if unvaccinated, show proof of negative COVID-19 test result from within 48 hours.

At this point we do not expect masks to be required but we will continue to monitor and evaluate what is needed to ensure we meet safely. Updates and reminders of protocols and the conference policy will be sent to all attendees prior to the conference. Please make sure to bring a mask just in case.

Planning Webcast Series

Did you know that we are members of a consortium that offers free webcasts on planning issues? And our own Jane Lafleur will be presenting our contribution to the series on

“Community Heart & Soul” – a resident-driven process that engages the entire population of a town in identifying what they love most about their community, what future they want for it, and how to achieve it. Developed and field-tested over a decade in partnership with over 100 small cities and towns across America, Community Heart & Soul is a proven process for engaging a community in shaping its future. Learn from three professional planners about the Community Heart & Soul model of planning, community development and community engagement and learn how it has enhanced Comprehensive Plans across the US including in Maine, Washington, Colorado and Pennsylvania.



The [Planning Webcast Series](#) offers changes to earn over 50 AICP CM credits each year online - at no cost to members of participating organizations that support the [Planning Webcast Series](#).

Check back often as they frequently add additional offerings. Webcasts take place live on Fridays from 1:00 - 2:30 PM ET and are worth 1.5 AICP CM credits (for live viewing only) unless otherwise noted.

Thanks to members who have offered to lead webcasts as part of this series! We generally contribute 1 or 2 a year. If you have an idea for a future webcast, feel free to email Jeff Levine, NNECAPA PIO, at jrlevine@mit.edu.

Responses Sought from Planners on a Proposed New City

Two local NNECAPA planners have been working on a project to create a new sustainable and equitable city in the United States. Carl Eppich AICP, and Christa Daniels Ph.D., AICP, have been part of a diverse team of urban planners, designers, historians, community engagement experts, economists, financial managers, scientists, and engineers from a variety of backgrounds working to build out this vision. This vision involves working collaboratively across different backgrounds, and perspectives to help create a new city that is sustainable and equitable to all.

Today's cities face growing wealth inequality, eroding democracy, and environmental sustainability. There is an urgent need for a new urban model focused on people. The idea for this new city is to set a global standard that expands human potential and offers a blueprint for community development for future generations.

The study team has developed a survey to help planners understand what makes a sustainable and equitable community a desirable place to live, work, and play. In order to inform the development of [Telosa](#) the team has developed this survey to find out what you love (and what you would do differently) in the community you live in today. [Here is a very short survey that should only take a few minutes to complete.](#) You can also email cdaniels1@antioch.edu for more information.

Grapevine

- ✦ Jarod Farn-Guillette moved from the Hancock County Planning Commission (ME) to the Maine Department of Transportation on April 1.
- ✦ Anna Stockman left the Eastern Maine Development Commission.
- ✦ In November, David E. White, FAICP stepped down from his position



with the City of Burlington VT after 14 years as the Director of Planning and 26 years with the City overall. In December he was honored by his friends and colleagues and presented with the Mayor's Award for Distinguished Service to the City of Burlington by Mayor Miro Weinberger.



After taking a couple of months off to refresh and regroup, he jumped into the consulting world with the creation of Sterling Mountain Community Planning & Design, LLC based in Jericho, VT. Sterling Mountain CPD specializes in helping communities, planners, consultants, nonprofits, and enlightened developers improve the quality, vitality, sustainability, and livability of their projects. When he's not working with new clients and project partners, he's a weekday skier as a member of the Mt. Mansfield Ski Patrol at Stowe, getting out on his gravel bike or cruising around Lake Champlain, and enjoying time with his 2 (soon to be 3) grandchildren.

- ✦ Charles Dillard, AICP, joined as Principal Planner in Burlington, VT in March. Charles comes to VT from Raleigh, NC where he worked as a planner and urban designer for the city and in the Raleigh office of RATIO Architects.
- ✦ Sarah Morgan also joined the team in Burlington as its newest Planner in May. Sarah joined the team after working and studying in public health, environmental planning, and GIS for organizations in the Ohio River Valley (Cincinnati, OH) region.
- ✦ Jay Chase has left the Town of Scarborough (ME) to join Central Maine Power in their new government, economic and community organization relations division.
- ✦ In Biddeford (ME), the *Biddeford-Saco-Old Orchard Beach Courier* reports that Planning and Development Director Mathew Eddy has moved on to a new position in the Midcoast, and City Planner Greg Tansley, a city employee since 2004, has retired.
- ✦ Mark Lapping, Distinguished University Professor Emeritus, USM, was named to the Community Development Advisory Board for the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston.

The Town of Essex (VT) is proud to announce the hiring of Katherine Sonnick as the new Community Development Director. Katherine is currently the Planning and Development Coordinator for the Town of Jericho, where she has worked since 2015. Katherine has previously worked as the Planning Director for the Town of Milton, and prior to that Katherine worked for the Town of Essex as the Town Planner. Katherine brings more than 20 years of planning experience with more than 15 of those years being in Municipal Planning. Katherine also has a Master of Urban Planning from Hunter College, and a Bachelor of Arts in Geography with a minor in Sociology. Katherine will start in her new role on June 29, 2022.

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