

**LRPA-TV Presents "Community Heritage Workshop" - a Laconia and Belmont Collaboration
Airs March 1 and March 5 on Channel 26**



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Shanna Saunders, City of Laconia Director of Planning, Zoning and Code Enforcement offered creative approaches to citizen participation, fostered in part through a Community Planning Grant from New Hampshire Housing to design village overlay districts that address architecture, building placement, streetscape, pedestrian ways, vehicular movement, parking and public space enhancement.

A collaboration of Laconia and Belmont Heritage Commissions featuring experts from the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources (NH-DHR) and New Hampshire Preservation Alliance (NHPA) for a first regional confab, will be shown on MetroCast channel 26 on Saturday, March 1 at 5:00 p.m. and Wednesday, March 5 at 7:30 p.m.

Among presenters were Jennifer Goodman, Executive Director of the NHPA and Peter Michaud, National Register, Preservation Tax Incentives and Easements Coordinator for the NH-DHR. Their topics considered code issues for National Register properties, and special New Hampshire preservation incentives including barn easements and community revitalization tax credits. Shanna

Saunders, City of Laconia Director of Planning, Zoning and Code Enforcement presented a local example of innovative land use, detailing a unique partnership with the School District and Taylor Home, using storytelling to help direct architectural ordinances.

The Community Heritage Workshop was fittingly held in Belmont at the Corner Meeting House, built in 1899-1900 as the Full Gospel Assembly Church and known for years as the Advent Christian Church, before purchase by the Town for community meeting use. Heritage and Historic District Commissions, Historical Society and Museum representatives and several educational leaders attended from Concord, Canterbury, Sanbornton and Moultonborough along with sponsoring communities and organizations.

Laconia Heritage Commission Chairman Pamela Clark, planned the January 10 meeting with Belmont Heritage Commission members, including Linda Frawley and Priscilla Annis. Brenda Kean, Laconia Museum and Historical Society Executive Director videotaped the session, for availability to other preservation groups, and LRPA-TV will provide archive copies for Laconia and Belmont Library collections.