



Regional Planning Commission & Economic Development District

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Dear Selectboard/City Council

North Country Council is your organization. We hope in the years to come, that there is continued growth and representation in participating in building an organization that serves both you and the region. There have been a lot of changes at North Country Council over this past 1 ½ years and we hope those changes have lead and will continue lead to improved service to you and the region.

Per RSA 36:46 III. Each municipality which shall become a member of a regional planning commission shall be entitled to 2 representatives on said commission. A municipality with a population of over 10,000 but less than 25,000 shall be entitled to have 3 representatives on said commission and a municipality with a population of over 25,000 shall be entitled to have 4 representatives on said commission. Population as set forth in this section shall be deemed to be determined by the last federal census. Representatives to a regional planning commission shall be nominated by the planning board of each municipality from the residents thereof and shall be appointed by the municipal officers of each municipality. Representatives may be elected or appointed officials of the municipality or county.

We hope that you continue to be members of the Regional Planning Commission by paying the enclosed assessed dues.

The Board of North Country Council has spent a lot of energy over the past year or more involving the NCC Representatives in the important decisions affecting communities. On April 19, 2015 the appointed NCC Representatives made decisions about municipal dues. On July 22, 2015 the NCC Representatives approved the Budget and Work Plan for the fiscal year 2016 (find copy enclosed).

At the July 22, 2015 NCC Representative meeting the following dues related issues were approved:

- Continue to use the same methodology that has been used over the years.
A = % of region's valuation
B = % of region's population
Proportion of Dues Owed = $(A/2)+(B/2)$
- Eliminate the discount given to some communities, but phase this in over a three year time period.
- Leave the staff to determine how to align dues with the fiscal year of NCC operations.

As a result the attached sheet outlines the dues for the next three years for each community in the North Country. If you have any questions please let me know. I can be reached at ext. 22 or cfrost@nccouncil.org.

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