



## Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission

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Town of New London  
375 Main Street  
New London, NH 03257

Subject: Municipal Dues for Fiscal Year 2027

Greetings,

The membership dues for the Town of New London for the fiscal year 2027 (from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027) will be \$7,528.40. This letter is intended for your budgetary planning, and we will send an invoice for this amount in July 2026. The dues calculation is based on the 2020 Census population data and the Consumer Price Index (CPI). After reviewing the CPI data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the Commission has approved 3% dues increase for FY 2027.

It has been a very productive year at the Commission, and I wanted to share some highlights with you. Without your dues and community engagement, these great regional efforts would not have been possible.

### **What we have done**

- **Transportation Planning and Project Development:** A total of 5,300 staff hours were spent on project development, flood mitigation, regional capacity building, long-range planning, and multimodal transportation planning. Additionally, data was collected at 300 locations in FY2025. These efforts will continue into the next fiscal year.
- **Housing:** Secured approximately \$100,000 in funding for municipal technical assistance related to housing and continued to lead regionally and statewide in actions to alleviate the housing crisis.
- **Environment:** We collected over 18 tons of Household Hazardous Waste from the region. We also implemented two stormwater management sites and oversaw environmental assessments of 15 brownfield sites. Additionally, we secured funding for regionwide stormwater action plans to enhance the health of the Connecticut River.
- **Municipal Support:** Over the past year, UVLSRPC has offered enhanced technical assistance to communities through various requests and projects. This includes grant administration, updates to subdivision regulations, Housing Opportunity Grants, Hazard Mitigation Plans, support for master plans, GIS mapping, and the services of five circuit riders.

### **What are working on**

- **Regional Comprehensive Plan:** UVLSRPC is updating the Regional Comprehensive Plan, which will be completed in FY 2027. This plan serves as the region's master plan and supports its municipalities.

- Housing: UVLSRPC has also secured funding to continue the Homeowner Developer Utility project, providing technical assistance to homeowners and helping them navigate the process of building an accessory dwelling unit on their property.
- Transportation: UVLSRPC will continue to collaborate with communities to develop projects and identify funding sources for implementing and enhancing the region's roadway network, focusing on safety, flood resiliency, and multimodal use.
- Environment: UVLSRPC secured funding to continue and expand the solid waste planning work in the region, including HHW collections, transfer station trainings, composting, and outreach. UVLSRPC will continue to identify and assess Brownfield sites within the region that will improve safety and boost economics.

Municipal and County dues continue to be a vital part of the Commission's overall budget for three reasons:

1. During the fiscal year 2027, Municipal and County dues will enable the Commission to leverage more than \$1,800,000 in other sources to provide services and advance local regional projects.
2. Dues allow the Commission's staff to provide the Planning Board and other local technical assistance, demographic research, ordinance development, and local regulatory assistance.
3. The Commission's state funding from the New Hampshire Office of Planning and Development was removed from this year's state budget. Except for dues, all other funding sources are project-specific and do not provide the Commission with the flexibility to support communities when they inquire about local issues and require technical assistance.

As members of the Commission, the Town of New London can appoint two Commissioners to help guide the organization. Our records indicate that the Town of New London appointed Jerry Coogan and Peter Nicholas as Commissioners. Other benefits include reduced contracting rates, on-call technical assistance, and access to resources.

Please update us on any changes to your commissioner status to ensure your commissioners participate in all we do. We look forward to another productive and engaging year.

UVLSRPC will continue to provide services and expand our expertise to serve our communities best as the world changes around us. If you have a rising need in your community or are facing a challenge, please reach out. Our network is growing, and we are here to support you.

Please call, email, or stop by our office with any questions.

Sincerely,

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