You are cordially invited to attend the **Southwest Region Planning Commission's** Annual Meeting

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To be held at Heberton Hall in the Keene Public Library Annex First Floor 60 Winter Street

Keene, NH, 03431

June 13, 2023 Social at 4:30 p.m. Program begins at 5:00 p.m.

Refreshments will be provided.

Presentation Topic:

Why Towns Should Play a Part in Planning for our Energy Future

Energy has become an increasingly important topic having a bearing on everything from the cost of living to climate change to energy security. Experts increasingly see electricity, in conjunction with clean and domestic energy sources, as the path forward for meeting many of these challenges. Yet electricity is expensive in NH - with the residential sector paying the second highest average retail price of all 50 states.

Attendees will hear from Don Kreis, NH's Consumer Advocate, to learn more about why electricity is expensive in NH and what is being done about it at the State, regional and local levels. We will also discuss how municipalities in the Region are starting community power/electric aggregation programs to address their needs.



Although there is no fee to attend, advance registration is required.

Please RSVP by June 6, 2023

To register, please go to https://bit.ly/Jun13SWRPCAnn.

Directions to Heberton Hall

Heberton Hall is on the first floor of the Keene Public Library Annex, located at 60 Winter Street in Keene, NH. Parking is available on-site as well as nearby street parking. The entrance is located to the right of the courtyard between the Library and the Annex and is accessed from Winter Street.



For more information about the meeting please contact Rich Clough of SWRPC staff at <u>rclough@swrpc.org</u>, or by calling (603) 357-0557.