

## NEW HAMPSHIRE CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBLE LIGHTING

WINTER 2001-2002 NEWSLETTER:

\*\*\*\* MAJOR VICTORY WON !!!!! \*\*\*\*

NHCRL works with local citizens, businesses, towns and cities to promote responsible outdoor lighting. We want safe cost effective lighting at night. We want to insure it is installed correctly to prevent unsafe conditions like glare into roadways and onto sidewalks, and to prevent light from intruding into areas where it is not wanted, such as private residences. In many cases all that is needed is to point existing lights correctly, install a simple shield, or use a less intense light source.

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### 1. A MAJOR VICTORY IN N.H. !!!

In 1998, NHCRL set out to have a piece of legislation considered regarding Light Pollution/Trespass that would cover all of our state. After 3 years of many hearings, votes, study committees and resolutions... the State of NH agreed to create a 'Technical Bulletin' on this subject. The NH Office of State Planning was directed by the NH Legislature to create a document regarding LP/LT.

After much research and hard work, the NH OSP has concluded its project. In order to keep a document that is able to be revised and referenced, the NH OSP has devised a series of 'technical bulletins' on various subjects. Ours is known as TB 16, Summer 2001, Outdoor Lighting. It is 16 pages long and can be obtained at the address given below. Here is the web site address where a PDF copy can be obtained:

<http://www.state.nh.us/osp/planning/guide/docs/TechBulletin16.pdf>

or write to: NHOSP, 2 ½ Beacon St. Concord, NH 03301 and request TB 16.

2. Now that this major victory is in our hands, NHCRL is calling on ALL members to immediately contact their planning AND zoning boards and requesting that your city or town adopt an outdoor lighting ordinance as suggested in TB 16.

NH. THEN, call the zoning board and do the same thing so you have two parallel paths of operation.

3. In other happenings:

- \* Brookline residents are now in progress in asking their town government for an outdoor lighting law.

- \* The Manchester Conservation Committee was given a presentation by NHCRL and considering requesting an ordinance.

- \* The new Merrimack Conservation Committee chairman is seeking a new lighting ordinance.

- \* Old Home Days in Hudson had a booth regarding outdoor lighting and how to reduce it.

- \* A Lake Winnepesaukee 'association' of land owners are asking property owners to 'turn down the lights' on the water.

- \* Jeremy Riecks was able to help pass an outdoor lighting ordinance in Stratham (kicking butt and taking names)

- \* Let us know any updates in your community [mikpel@hotmail.com](mailto:mikpel@hotmail.com)

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