

NEW HAMPSHIRE CITIZENS for RESPONSIBLE LIGHTING

Spring/Summer 2001 Newsletter

Mission

We will work to reduce light pollution and light trespass; to educate the public about effective, glare-free lighting, and efficient security lighting; and to preserve the beauty of the night skies of the state of New Hampshire.

Here are the following topics for the NHCRL:

1. Current status of NHCRL/changes in contacts
2. HB222 goes down to defeat
3. Original State Bill still alive
4. Goals for the next 6 months

1. The NHCRL has matured to a point where we have a stable membership, a defined mission and experience working with the public. Recently, our Chairman Steve Forbes has moved and is no longer able to participate in NHCRL. We all thank Steve for his tireless work the past 3 years and will keep him up to date on issues that arise.

The new contact information for NHCRL is:

Send correspondence to:

NHCRL 65 Green Acres Drive, Manchester, NH 03109

Email us at: mikpel@hotmail.com

Telephone: 603-867-8557

2. The new Light Pollution Bill, HB222, was introduced late in 2000 and assigned a bill number and committee early this year. This bill would have required the State of NH government lighting to conform to certain regulations to reduce light pollution and trespass. Unfortunately, the sub-committee did not vote for approval and the full House defeated the bill in March.

The next opportunity to submit a bill to the NH Legislature will be November of 2002. At that time, NHCRL will attempt another bill.

3. In 1998, NHCRL submitted its original Light Pollution Bill, HB727. Hard to believe, but this bill is still alive in a very altered state. After many committee and study committee meetings, our original bill will now provide a State of NH booklet on Outdoor lighting with recommended ordinances. The State of NH will send this booklet to every NH city and town with the recommendation that local ordinances be considered and enforced. This booklet is in its final design stage and should be out in the very near future.

4. NHCRL's plans for the next 6 months will be to continue education and recommendation for local ordinances to be created. Due to the limitations of NHCRL's volunteer staff, we will have

to rely on our members to bring us opportunities to complete our mission. Our members will be the catalyst for successful continuation of NHCRL.

If you would like a hard copy of the NHCRL standard package of information we send to local Officials and interested citizens, let us know by return email. The main avenue of progress will be for NHCRL to encourage local communities to adopt new and enforce existing light pollution/trespass ordinances.

In order to improve communications, we are now going to have an email dialogue on a regular basis for those individuals who would like to have more input and knowledge of weekly and monthly happenings. If you would like to be part of this active email

list, please let us know by responding to this email or this address: mikpel@hotmail.com

If we don't hear from you, our next newsletter will be the Fall of this year.

For further information on Lighting Issues please see the following Internet sites

New Hampshire Citizens for Responsible Lighting

<http://www.mv.com/users/lopez/nhcrl/>

New England Light Pollution Advisory Group

<http://cfa-www.harvard.edu/cfa/ps/nelpag.html>

International Dark Sky Association

<http://www.darksky.org>

PS: For our members that do not have an email address, we are asking that you contact us if you wish to receive new updates by Postal Mail. Just call 867-8557 or write to us at the address 65 Green Acres Drive, Manchester, NH 03109. Thank you