MUNICIPAL LAW SEMINAR

TO: Assessors, Collectors, Treasurers, Accountants, Auditors, Mayors, Selectmen, City/Town Managers, Finance Directors, Finance Committees, City/Town Councils, City Solicitors and Town Counsels

FROM: Robert G. Nunes, Deputy Commissioner and Director of Municipal Affairs

DATE: July 2009

SUBJECT: “What’s New in Municipal Law” Seminar

The Division of Local Services' Legal Staff will offer the seminar "What's New in Municipal Law" Friday, September 25, 2009 at The Log Cabin Banquet & Meeting House in Holyoke and Friday, October 2, 2009 at Lantana in Randolph. Presentations will include new legislation and recent court decisions pertaining to local government. This Bulletin contains a program description (page 2) and a registration form (page 3).

The general session in the morning will be conducted by attorneys Kathleen Colleary, Chief of the Bureau of Municipal Finance Law, Gary Blau, James Crowley, Donald Gorton, Christopher Hinchey, Mary Mitchell and Daniel Murphy. The afternoon session will consist of three simultaneous workshops from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. These workshops will be small group meetings, led by the Bureau of Municipal Finance Law attorneys.

The attorneys of the Bureau of Municipal Finance Law are specialists in municipal law, particularly in property taxation and finance. The legal staff interprets new laws and responds to the legal concerns of local officials.

A registration fee of $30.00 per person will be charged to cover the cost of the facility, booklets, morning refreshments and the luncheon. Please contact Donna Quinn at (617) 626-3838 with any questions regarding registration.

I hope you will have the opportunity to join us at this timely and informative seminar.
AGENDA

REGISTRATION: 8:15 AM – 9:00 AM
Continental Breakfast

OPENING REMARKS: 9:00 AM – 9:15 AM
Robert Nunes, Deputy Commissioner of the Division of Local Services

GENERAL SESSION: 9:15 AM - 12:15 PM
WHAT'S NEW IN MUNICIPAL LAW
Local Services' Legal Staff will present the latest from the Legislature and the Courts.

LUNCHEON: 12:15 PM – 1:30 PM
Menu: Salad,Entrée, Chef’s Selection of Starch and Vegetables, Coffee/Tea and Dessert

AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM
There are three simultaneous workshops. You may attend one workshop. Please indicate your preference on the attached registration form.

Workshop A Local Taxes: A review of legal issues in recent Appellate Tax Board cases and other current assessment and collection issues.

Workshop B Local Finances: A discussion of current accounting, special fund and finance issues.

Workshop C Local Services: An exploration of financial, employment and other issues involved in regionalizing the delivery of local services.

The booklets for the morning and afternoon sessions will also be available online after the seminars.

Please submit your completed registration form along with a check for $30 made payable to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to:

TRAINING COORDINATOR
DIVISION OF LOCAL SERVICES
PO BOX 9569
BOSTON, MA 02114-9569

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RECEIPTS WILL BE PROVIDED FOR ANYONE PAYING BY PERSONAL CHECK.

PLEASE CONTACT DONNA QUINN AT 617-626-3838 WITH ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS SEMINAR
WHAT'S NEW IN MUNICIPAL LAW SEMINAR REGISTRATION FORM

NAME ___________________________________________ POSITION ___________________________________________

COMMUNITY OR COMPANY ___________________________________________ PHONE NUMBER ___________________________________

SEMINAR DATES AND LOCATIONS
Please indicate ("X") which location you will be attending

_____ FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 25, 2009 HOLYOKE, MA
THE LOG CABIN BANQUET & MEETING HOUSE
500 EASTHAMPTON ROAD
HOLYOKE, MA
413-535-5077
Directions to The Log Cabin

_____ FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2009 RANDOLPH, MA
THE LANTANA
43 SCANLON DRIVE
RANDOLPH, MA
781-961-4600
Directions to The Lantana

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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The morning is a general session for everyone. Please choose ("X") one afternoon workshop:

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REGISTRATIONS ARE DUE BY THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2009
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