



## **Delegation Meeting Minutes** **December 10, 2012 at 7:00 PM**

Acting Chair Flanders called the Belknap County Delegation meeting to order at 7:00 PM on the above date at 34 County Drive, Laconia, NH and started with the pledge of allegiance.

In Attendance: Reps. Burchell, Comtois, Cormier, DiMartino, Fields, Fink, Flanders, Greemore, Gulick, Holmes, Huot, Raymond, Sylvia, Tilton, Vadney and Worsman.

Absent: Representatives Arsenault and Luther.

Also present: Commissioners, County Administrator and Finance Director.

**Introductions:** Delegation members introduced themselves, followed by Commissioners introducing themselves and the County Department Heads.

**Election of Officers:** Rep. Flanders referred to a case from 1971 and indicated that the election of officers should be done by secret ballot. He asked for a show of hands if all concur. Unanimous. None opposed. M/Greemore, S/Cormier to nominate Colette Worsman as the Chair. M/Fields, S/Huot to nominate Frank Tilton as the Chair. With no further nominations, representatives voted by secret ballot. **Worsman = 9 votes.** Tilton = 7 votes. It was announced that Colette Worsman would be the new Chair of the County Delegation and the meeting was then turned over to Ms. Worsman. M/Tilton, S/Flanders to nominate Dennis Fields as Vice Chair. M/Comtois, S/Cormier to nominate Robert Greemore as Vice Chair. With no further nominations, representatives voted by secret ballot. Fields = 7 votes. **Greemore = 9 votes.** Rep. Fields moved to make that a unanimous vote and give his votes to Rep. Greemore. M/Huot, S/Tilton to nominate Dennis Fields as the Clerk of the Delegation. Vote, by show of hands, was unanimous. **Motion carries.**

**Public Hearing:** Chair Worsman opened the public hearing at 7:20 PM and turned the meeting over to the Commissioners to give their 2013 budget estimates. Commissioner Philpot gave an overview on the process that got them to their 2013 recommended budget and Administrator Shackett reviewed in detail a power point presentation. The presentation concluded at 7:40 PM. Chair Worsman then asked for questions from delegation members.

At 7:50 PM, Chair Worsman asked for questions from the public: Mr. Kurt McGee of Sanbornton had questions regarding the TAN interest, the format of the county budget and if there was enough money budgeted for retirement if 2013. With no other questions from the public, M/Huot, S/Comtois to close public hearing on the budget at 7:56 PM. Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

M/Cormier to freeze spending, including wages as of this date until the delegation can meet to discuss the proposed 2013 budget. S/Comtois for discussion. Rep. Fields explained that the process is to review at subcommittee level first. Rep. Greemore stated that the 2013 budget takes effect 1/1/13, is not in effect till about a month from now and then the budget is approved by the end of March latest. Rep. Flanders indicated this was an inappropriate motion. Chair asked Rep. Cormier to explain her motion. Rep. Cormier did not understand how they (delegation) could start paying out money without a meeting. Rep. Tilton reiterated that the motion does not make sense as they have not yet done anything. Rep. Vadney sees Rep. Cormier's point to freeze moveable targets in 2013, then look at budget, then cut it. This way the county does not spend the money. Rep. Cormier agreed because you can't take money back once it is spent. Commissioner Philpot reminded the Delegation that by state statute, the delegation is not allowed to act on the budget until 28 days after the public hearing and then after that, it goes into effect for normal operating expenses. Rep. Worsman asked about the union contracts. Rep. Cormier withdrew her motion, Rep. Comtois withdrew his second.

**Public comments:** Chair Worsman asked for public comments. There were none.

**Election of Executive Committee Members:** In addition to the 3 officers of the delegation, 4 more members must be chosen to make the 7 member Executive Committee of the Delegation. Interested members raised their hands and they were: Huot, Cormier, Comtois, Flanders, Tilton, Vadney and Burchell. Chair stated that this vote will also be taken by secret ballot. Chair Worsman read each ballot out loud. **Huot = 8 votes, Flanders = 10 votes, Tilton = 13 votes, Vadney = 13 votes, Cormier = 6 votes, Comtois = 7 votes and Burchell = 4 votes.** The results of the tally are: Huot, Flanders, Tilton and Vadney will be Executive Committee members along with the chair, vice and the clerk.

**Sub Committees for the budget review:** Chair Worsman announced that a form is being passed around for Representatives to sign up for a subcommittee that they are interested in serving on. Once all of the reps have signed up, the Chair will compile a master list which she will then distribute to Administrator Shackett and for distribution. Chair will also designate who will chair each subcommittee.

**Adjourn:** With no further business to discuss, M/Huot, S/DiMartino to adjourn at 8:57 PM. Unanimous. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

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Angela A. Bovill, Administrative Assistant

A true record Attest:

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Dennis H. Fields, Clerk of the County Convention