



Delegation Meeting Minutes December 8, 2014

As the senior member of the Delegation, Rep. Flanders called the Belknap County Delegation meeting to order at 7:05 PM on the above date at 34 County Drive, Laconia, NH and recited the pledge of allegiance.

In Attendance: Representatives Aldrich, Comtois, Dumais, Fields, Flanders, Fraser, Gallagher, Howard, Hurt, Luther, Russell, Spanos, Sylvia, Tilton, Vadney and Varney.

Absent: Representatives Fisher and Lebreche.

Introductions: Rep. Flanders asked each Delegation member to introduce themselves and what district they represent. Commissioners then introduced themselves and the department heads.

Election of officers: M/Luther, S/Fields to nominate Rep. Tilton to be Chair of the Delegation. Rep. Flanders asked if there were any further nominations. There were none. M/Russell, S/Flanders to close nominations. Unanimous. **Motion passes.** Rep. Flanders called for the vote (hand vote) unanimous. **Motion passes.** Rep. Tilton accepted/agreed to be the Chair of the Delegation and thanked members. M/Hurt, S/Dumais to nominate Rep. Vadney as Vice Chair. Rep. Tilton asked if there were any further nominations. There were none. M/Dumais, S/Russell to close nominations. Unanimous. **Motion passes.** Rep. Flanders called for the vote unanimous. **Motion passes.** M/Comtois, S/Luther to nominate Rep. Hurt as Clerk. Rep. Hurt declined the nomination. Motion withdrew. M/Vadney, S/Sylvia to nominate Rep. Gallagher as Clerk. Rep. Tilton asked if there were any further nominations. There were none. M/Fields, S/Spanos to close nominations. Unanimous. **Motion passes.** Rep. Flanders called for the vote unanimous. **Motion passes.**

Election of Executive committee members: Rep. Tilton explained that the Executive Committee is usually made up of 7 members, the three officers plus four more at large. M/Vadney, to keep it a 7 member committee as indicated with the three officers and 4 other members. S/Sylvia for discussion. Rep. Sylvia thought it might be better to make it a 5 member committee. Rep. Hurt suggested a five member committee with 2 alternates. Rep. Tilton asked if there was further input before the vote. There was none. Hand vote – 15 in favor, 1-opposed (rep. Sylvia). **Motion passes.** Rep. Tilton announced that votes will be taken using a tally sheet that was prepared by the Administration. Delegation members need to vote for four nominated members and the clerk will compile the results. M/Fields, S/Luther to nominate Flanders. M/Comtois, S/Vadney to nominate Sylvia. M/Vadney, S/Sylvia to nominate Dumais. M/Sylvia, S/Spanos to nominate Comtois. M/Flanders, S/Fields to nominate Russell. M/Sylvia, S/Luther to nominate Hurt. M/Comtois, S/Sylvia to nominate Spanos. M/Russell, S/Luther to nominate Fields. M/Spanos, S/Comtois accepted those nominated and to close the nominations. Unanimous.

Motion passes. Clerk Gallagher then called for the votes, tallied the results. The 4 members of the Executive Committee (in addition to the officers) are: Reps. Comtois, Flanders, Hurt and Sylvia. The vote totals were announced as follows: Comtois-10, Flanders-7, Hurt-14, and Sylvia-9. Chair Tilton announced that the EC will meet tonight based on an emergency situation dealing with heat at the courthouse. The Commissioners concurred that they are making this request of the EC.

Budget presentation: At 7:40 pm, Chair Tilton turned the meeting over to the Commission for their proposed 2015 budget presentation. Commissioner Philpot walked through the power point presentation and concluded at 8:33 pm.

Public hearing: Rep. Tilton declared the public hearing be opened at 8:34 pm for public comments, input etc. County Attorney Melissa Guldbrandsen from Alton spoke about how important county government is and please keep that in mind. Rep. Tilton added he felt that is why it is important for the towns to support/fund LRPA TV and keep them on the air. Rep. Tilton then closed the public hearing at 8:37 pm.

Next steps: Rep. Tilton will send out an email with a list of committees to members and ask them to respond with their preferences. He stated that most sub committees meet in January and February on a Monday or Friday and that Administration assists in coordinating. Rep. Sylvia noted that there was no funding in the proposed budget for jail item. Rep. Tilton would also like to schedule tours of the county operations for the delegation.

Court/lawsuit: Rep. Tilton said the last order of business was the pending lawsuit. There is an ongoing court action regarding budgetary authority, and a temporary injunction that has been in place since the end of August 2014. The court date set has been set for 02/09/15. Attorney David Horan is the Delegations lawyers. The previous Chair, Colette Worsman was the POC. Rep. Tilton needs a motion to authorize the Chair as the POC/represent and the vice chair (in the chairs absence) on this legal issue with Attorney Horan. M/Russell, S/Flanders to authorize the Chair and Vice in his absence as the point of contact in this legal matter. Unanimous. **Motion passes.**

Meeting fee: M/Sylvia, to change the meeting fee to \$20 per meeting. S/Howard for discussion. Rep. Luther said to keep the current meeting fee but cut down of the number of meetings and do a better job handling business. Rep. Hurt agrees with Luther and suggested keeping the mileage reimbursement and eliminating the meeting fee all together. Rep. Fraser agrees with Rep. Luther to keep the meeting fee at \$25, but to have fewer meetings than previous. Rep. Fields said either is ok. Chair called the vote. 12 – Yes, 4-opposed. **Motion passes.** The new meeting fee will be \$20.

Adjourn: M/Comtois, S/Howard to adjourn at 8:57 pm. Unanimous. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,


Brian Gallagher
Clerk, County Delegation