



**Delegation Meeting Minutes**  
**May 9, 2016 at 7:00 pm**

Chair Frank Tilton called the Belknap County Delegation meeting to order at 7:00 pm on the above date at 34 County Drive, Laconia, NH. Representative Dumais led the pledge of allegiance. The Chair asked the Clerk to call the roll.

In Attendance: Representatives Aldrich, Dumais, Fields, Fisher, Flanders, Fraser, Gallagher, Howard, Russell, Spanos, Tilton, and Vadney.

Absent: Representative Comtois, Hurt, Lebreche, Sylvia and Varney.

**Minutes 4/8/16:** M/Aldrich, S/Fields to approve the minutes of 4/8/16 with the change of date. Unanimous. **Motion passed.**

**Gunstock R.A.N.:** Rep. Tilton asked that the members of the Gunstock Area Commission that were present to introduce themselves. The following members were present: John Morgenstern, Bob Durfee, Ruth Larson, Sean Sullivan and Steve Nix. Greg Goddard, General Manager for Gunstock, stated this is a public hearing for the revenue anticipation note and also a meeting of the Gunstock Area Commission. He reviewed a slideshow presentation. Mr. Goddard stated it is very common in season business to request a revenue anticipation note. He stated the cash flow is down due to the weather. Mr. Goddard stated the alpine coaster will be opening this summer. He stated they have made budget cuts that do not affect safety. Mr. Goddard stated he renegotiated their contract with the electric company to save money. Rep. Vadney asked if the cabins that were spoke of last years would still be built. Mr. Goddard stated not this year due to cuts to the capital improvements budget. Rep. Howard stated the summary budget states no capital improvements. Mr. Goddard stated that they need to build reserves back up. He stated he didn't think they would do any unless it was necessary. Rep. Gallagher stated it was an excellent presentation. He asked how often there are back to back bad seasons. Mr. Goddard stated it goes back to 2005-2006 and 2006-2007, but not nearly to this degree. Rep. Gallagher asked what the reaction was from employees for a 30% contribution to health insurance. Mr. Goddard stated it has been a progressive increase over the years. Rep. Dumais stated Gunstock is moving in the right direction with business for the off seasons. He asked if they had a \$2 million reserve in 2014. Stephen Blakney, Director of Finance, stated that would have been their reserve and operating cash for 2014. Rep. Tilton asked if there were any public questions or comments. There were none. M/Howard, S/Russell see attached RAN motion. Roll call vote 11-0. **Motion passed.**

The meeting was recessed at 7:51 pm for 5 minutes.

**Report of the Executive Committee:** Rep. Vadney stated they had approved a transfer for the Sheriff's department for a grant. Rep. Tilton stated the Executive Committee makes a recommendation for salaries for elected officials but the Delegation approves it. Rep. Vadney stated some salaries are higher than other counties. He stated the Executive Committee voted to level fund the elected officials salaries. Rep. Fields asked what the vote was. Rep. Tilton stated it was unanimous. Rep. Dumais stated we have the best county. Rep. Tilton stated some department heads have been recognized as top in the state. Rep. Howard stated contributions to insurance were not discussed. Rep. Tilton stated in his opinion it would be unfair to single out three employees. M/Field, S/Russell to accept the Executive Committee report. 11-1 Rep. Howard opposed. **Motion passed.**

**Adjourn:** M/Dumais, S/Fraser to adjourn at 8:20 pm. Unanimous vote. **Motion passed.**

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brian Gallagher".

Brian Gallagher, Clerk of the Delegation