

Delegation Meeting Minutes December 12, 2016 at 6:00 pm

Packets were provided to the members of the Delegation before the meeting containing: a copy of the budget slideshow, a nameplate, and a detailed budget in a 2 inch binder. The new Delegation members were provided a packet of information from the County Commission containing 6 assorted pages in addition to relevant RSA's and tax information for expense reimbursement.

Rep. Herb Vadney called the Belknap County Delegation meeting to order at 6:00 pm on the above date at 34 County Drive, Laconia, NH.

In Attendance: Representatives Abear, Aldrich, Comtois, Fields, Fisher, Flanders, Howard, Huot, Lang, Plumer, Silber, Spanos, Sylvia, Vadney and Varney.

Absent: Representative Fraser, Maloney and Tilton.

Minutes 11/22/16: M/Sylvia, S/Howard to approve the Executive Committee minutes of 11/22/16. Unanimous. Motion passed. M/Aldrich, S/Fields to approve the minutes of 11/22/16. Unanimous. Motion passed.

Formation of new Delegation: Rep. Vadney stated that Rep. Huot is automatically on the Executive Committee as the minority party representative. M/Spanos, S/Howard to elect Rep. Vadney as Chairman. Unanimous. Motion passed. M/Sylvia, S/Spanos to elect Rep. Howard as Vice-Chairman. Unanimous. Motion passed. M/Sylvia, S/Aldrich to elect Rep. Abear as Clerk. Unanimous. Motion passed. M/Aldrich, S/Lang to accept Rep. Huot as a member of the Delegation. Unanimous. Motion passed. The following nominations were made for the three Executive Committee seats. M/Fields, S/Silber to elect Rep. Lang. M/Sylvia, S/Howard to elect Rep. Varney. M/Comtois, S/Silber to elect Rep. Sylvia. M/Abear, S/Sylvia to elect Rep. Aldrich. M/Vadney, S/Fisher to elect Rep. Spanos. Rep. Lang withdrew his name. Each Rep. was asked to pick their 3 picks for the committee. The following votes occurred:

Rep. Voting	#1	#2	#3	Rep. Voting	#1	#2	Rep. Voting	#1
Comtois	Sylvia	Varney	Aldrich	Abear	Spanos	Aldrich	Abear	Spanos
Fields	Spanos	Varney	Aldrich	Aldrich	Varney	Aldrich	Aldrich	Varney
Fisher	Spanos	Aldrich	Sylvia	Comtois	Varney	Aldrich	Comtois	Varney
Flanders	Spanos	Aldrich	Varney	Fields	Spanos	Aldrich	Fields	Spanos
Howard	Sylvia	Varney	Spanos	Fisher	Aldrich	Spanos	Fisher	Spanos
Huot	Sylvia	Varney	Spanos	Flanders	Spanos	Aldrich	Flanders	Spanos
Lang	Spanos	Sylvia	Aldrich	Howard	Varney	Aldrich	Howard	Varney
Plumer	Sylvia	Varney	Aldrich	Huot	Spanos	Varney	Huot	Varney
Silber	Spanos	Aldrich	Sylvia	Lang	Spanos	Aldrich	Lang	Spanos
Spanos	Spanos	Varney	Aldrich	Plumer	Varney	Aldrich	Plumer	Varney
Sylvia	Varney	Aldrich	Sylvia	Silber	Spanos	Aldrich	Silber	Spanos
Vadney	Sylvia	Spanos	Varney	Spanos	Spanos	Varney	Spanos	Spanos
Varney	Sylvia	Spanos	Varney	Sylvia	Varney	Aldrich	Sylvia	Varney
Abear	Aldrich	Sylvia	Spanos	Vadney	Spanos Varney		Vadney	Spanos
Aldrich	Sylvia	Varney	Aldrich	Varney	Varney	Aldrich	Varney	Varney
Sylvia	12			Aldrich	12		Spanos	8
Spanos	11			Spanos	9		Varney	7
Varney	11		Ĭ I	Varney	9			
Aldrich	11							

M/Sylvia, S/Silber to nominate Rep. Varney as an alternate on the Executive Committee. Unanimous. **Motion passed**.

Transfer Requests: Commission DeVoy asked if the Delegation would act on six requests for funds transfers. The Delegation Chair declined to act on the requests in the 12/12/16 meeting. Discussion ensued from Commissioner DeVoy about the urgency of the requests. The Delegation Chair responded that only some of the requests were signed and that there was some question as to the correctness of the meeting notice with respect to timeliness and meeting content. Commissioner DeVoy persisted explaining the largest transfers. Rep. Silber entered the discussion with concerns for the items affecting the contingency fund. Rep. Lang commented on the credit with respect to the \$47,000 transfer. Rep. Silber made a motion to approve all of the transfers except those affecting the Contingency fund. Rep. Sylvia raised the prospect of a legal challenge. Rep. Silber withdrew his motion. Commissioner DeVoy expressed concern about going negative on an account balance citing the County Attorney transfer. Rep Sylvia observed the Executive Committee can meet with 24 hour notice and deal properly with the transfers. Rep. Huot asked about the source of the illegal meeting concerns. His question went unanswered. The chair moved the discussion saying we want to hear the budget proposal. Rep. Fields returned to the transfer discussion asking if there were deadlines and or ramifications if action was not taken at this meeting. The Chair responded in the negative. The County Administrator inserted that the county's bills are due when incurred and line items require action before overspending them. Rep Silber asked the current balance of the contingency fund? The County Administrator responded \$183,000. This closed discussion on the transfer requests.

<u>Budget Presentation:</u> Commissioner DeVoy reviewed the budget presentation. County Administrator Debra Shackett reviewed the numbering system for the budget. Rep. Vadney asked the members to send their preferences for budget subcommittees to him. He stated the outside agencies would be discussed with the Delegation as a whole.

No further actions were taken.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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