



Delegation Meeting Minutes
June 27, 2017 at 7:00 pm

Chair Vadney called the Belknap County Delegation meeting to order at 7:06 pm on the above date at 34 County Drive, Laconia, NH. Representative Vadney led the pledge of allegiance.

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

Absent: Representative Fraser and Maloney.

Minutes: Rep Silber pointed out two spelling mistakes and asked that in the second paragraph under Gunstock RAN after the third sentence the following be added: Mr. Sullivan stated no vote had been taken. M/Huot, S/Fields to approve the minutes of 5/22/17 with the suggested changes from Rep Silber. Unanimous. **Motion passed.**

Consider process for County Attorney position: There was a lengthy discussion about the advertisement process and whether it should be advertised in the NH Bar Journal.

M/Huot to schedule a further meeting to consider applications that we provide advertising in the local newspaper, the NH Bar Association and a statewide newspaper with an end date to be 7/15/17. Rep Howard stated they needed to consider if they should notify current applicants that they do not have to move to the County. Rep Comtois stated they need to notify the applicants that they will be conducting interviews. Rep Huot stated he would like it advertised widely throughout the state. Rep Silber stated he didn't understand why it should be prolonged any longer.

M/Plumer to go forth with a committee and have a second meeting to vote. Rep Vadney stated he would be uncomfortable voting tonight and it would be unfair. County Administrator Debra Shackett stated the other candidate called her and asked if he needed to attend the meeting. She stated she read him the exact words the Chairman had said to use for the meeting notice and that is why he is not here.

M/Huot to set a date of 7/15/17 to accept further applications authorize additional advertisements in the Laconia Daily Sun, Suncook Valley Sun, a state wide paper and NH Bar. To hold a meeting on July 25th to interview applicants and make a selection. S/Lang. M/ Huot, S/Fields to accept tinkering with original meeting. 10-4 Rep Aldrich, Sylvia, Comtois and Varney-opposed. **Motion passed.**

Rep Silber asked that the advertisement be sent to all members for review before it is sent to the newspaper. County Administrator Shackett stated the previous advertisement would be used unless there are changes.

There was discussion about the costs associated for the advertisement.

M/Spanos to reconsideration and hold a meeting to interview both candidates that have already been received. S/Silber to vote on reconsideration. Rep Howard stated in a 1 ½ years there will be an election for this position. He stated there are two very well put together applicants.

Rep Huot stated there are no rules and some are needed. He stated if you are having a motion to reconsider a vote and then vote on it again and then have a new motion to vote on it.

M/Spanos S/Howard to reconsider. Rep Abear called roll: Abear-Y, Aldrich-Y, Comtois-Y, Fields-Y, Flanders-Y, Howard-Y, Huot-N, Lang-N, Plumer-N, Silber-Y, Spanos-Y, Sylvia-Y, Vandey-N and Varney-Y. 10-4 **Motion passed.**

M/Lang, S/Huot to set July 15th applicant deadline and advertise in the Daily Sun, Suncook Valley Sun and NH Bar Association. With a meeting to be scheduled July 25th for interviews and selection.

M/Lang, S/Huot to amend previous motion and strike out statewide advertising and leave everything else the same. Rep Abear called roll: Abear-N, Aldrich-N, Comtois-N, Fields-Y, Flanders-Y, Howard-N, Huot-Y, Lang-Y, Plumer-Y, Silber-Y, Spanos-N, Sylvia-N, Vadney-Y and Varney-N. 7-7 **Motion failed.**

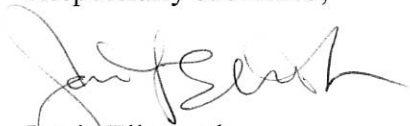
M/Sylvia, S/Spanos to make a final selection on July 25th and not advertise again. Rep Silber stated if they were not going to advertise then they could conduct the meeting on the 18th. Rep Vadney stated they should cover all basis as far as the proper advertisement. Rep Abear stated the motion on the table is to eliminate the advertisement and make a final selection and interviews on the 25th. Rep Vadney asked why this helps us. Rep Spanos stated it gives us someone in place in an already over worked department. County Administrator Shackett stated she didn't believe there was any requirement to advertisement for employment and didn't think anyone could successfully challenge that the position wasn't advertised in good faith. Rep Howard stated he didn't know why they couldn't meet on the 14th or 18th. Rep Sylvia stated to make the meeting the 11th.

M/Sylvia, S/Spanos to amend existing motion to eliminate advertising and notice the interview and selection on July 11 at 7 pm. Rep Abear called roll: Abear-Y, Aldrich-Y, Comtois-Y, Fields-Y, Flanders-Y, Howard-Y, Huot-N, Lang-N, Plumer-Y, Silber-Y, Spanos-Y, Sylvia-Y, Vadney-Y and Varney-Y. 12-2 **Motion passed.**

Other: There was some discussion on adopting official rules for the Delegation. No actions were taken.

Adjourn: M/Huot, S/Silber to adjourn at 8:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jamie Ellsworth". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "E".

Jamie Ellsworth
Administrative Assistant

