

GRAFTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

3855 Dartmouth College Hwy.

North Haverhill, NH 03774

January 4, 2017

PRESENT: Commissioners Lauer, Piper & Ahern, CA Libby and Admin Assistant S. Norcross.

OTHERS PRESENT: Alex Nuti-de Biasi – Journal Opinion

CA Libby called the meeting to order at 3:06 PM and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

CA Libby stated that the first order of business is to have the organization of the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Piper nominated Commissioner Lauer for Chairperson and all were in favor.

Commissioner Piper nominated Commissioner Ahern for Vice Chair. Commissioner Lauer seconded the motion. Two (2) Commissioners, Piper and Lauer were in favor. One (1) Commissioner, Ahern was in opposition. With the vote being two (2) in favor and one (1) in opposition the motion passes.

Commissioner Lauer nominated Commissioner Piper for Clerk. Commissioner Ahern seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Reappointment of Appointed Officials - CA Libby handed out the list of appointed officials for the Commissioners to review and approve. Commissioner Ahern stated that he would like to see RSA 91-A nonpublic minutes from the last two (2) years and look at the personnel files for each of the appointed officials. He explained that these are very important positions and he wants to look over their files before he votes to appoint them. He went on to state that there have been many nonpublic sessions since he has been coming to the Commissioner meetings and he would like to review what has been happening. Commissioner Ahern requested to make arrangements with Human Resources to look at personnel files. CA Libby stated that the 91-A minutes are all sealed so she will need to check with the county's legal counsel to see if it is appropriate for those minutes to be released to Commissioner Ahern.

Mileages Sheets – CA Libby discussed the reimbursement for mileage with the Commissioners. She stated that they will be reimbursed for their mileage to and from the county for their meetings as well as any county functions they attend. She noted that they will also be reimbursed for any meals that they have for county related functions.

CA Libby stated that Commissioner Ahern and Commissioner Piper need to see Human Resources to fill out paperwork.

CA Libby stated that ITM Ruggles would like to know if the Commissioners would like him to set them up with county emails. Both Commissioner Ahern and Commissioner Piper stated that they would like to have county email addresses.

CA Libby asked the Commissioners about having their signature stamps for the office. She noted that she remembered Commissioner Ahern requested not to have his during his last term as Commissioner and asked if that would be the same this term. Commissioner Ahern requested that he not have a signature stamp due to his line of work. Commissioner Piper stated that she will have one.

Commissioner Ahern stated that he would like to video tape all of the meetings to have them available to the public and asked Commissioner Lauer and Commissioner Piper how they felt. Commissioner Piper stated that she would have to think about it. She noted that the meetings are open to the public and scheduled regularly. Commissioner Lauer asked Commissioner Ahern to check with ITM Ruggles about the equipment that would be needed.

Commissioner Ahern stated that he believes this Board of Commissioners needs to take a stance on Northern Pass. He stated that this is a big issue in his district. Commissioner Lauer stated that the Board of Commissioners is currently an intervenor in the Northern Pass. They have submitted prefiled testimony as a board and Atty. Saffo is representing them. CA Libby stated that Atty. Saffo will be at their next meeting on Tuesday to bring them up to date with what is going on and will be able to answer their questions.

3:26 PM With no further business the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Wendy A. Piper, Clerk