

DELEGATION MEETING
Reorganization Meeting
Administration Building
3855 Dartmouth College Highway
North Haverhill, NH
December 10, 2018

PRESENT: See attached sign in sheet

Rep. Sykes called the meeting to order at 9:00AM and began with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Rep Ruprecht.

Rep. Smith called the role. Twenty-one (21) members were present and a quorum was declared. Representative Nordgren came after the roll was called making twenty-two (22) members present.

9:10 AM Rep Sykes recessed the meeting for Party Caucuses. Party members left the room to caucus with their respective parties

9:36 AM Party members returned and the meeting was reconvened

Rep. Ford nominated Rep. Sykes as Chairman of the Grafton County Delegation. Rep. Almy seconded the nomination.

MOTION: Rep. Almy moved to elect Rep. Sykes as Chairman with one ballot by acclamation. Rep. Nordgren seconded the motion. A voice vote was called and all were in favor.

Rep. Hennessey nominated Rep. Ladd for Vice-Chairman of the Grafton County Delegation. Rep. Gordon seconded the nomination.

MOTION: Rep. Nordgren moved to cast one ballot by acclamation for Rep. Ladd for Vice Chairman of the Grafton County Delegation. Rep. Egan seconded the motion. A voice vote was called and all were in favor.

Rep. Egan nominated Rep. Stringham for Clerk of the Grafton County Delegation. Rep. French seconded the nomination.

MOTION: Rep. Almy moved to cast one ballot by acclamation for Rep. Stringham for Clerk of the Grafton County Delegation. Rep. Ford seconded the motion. A voice vote was called and all were in favor.

Rep. Sykes opened nominations for the Executive Committee.

Rep. Weston nominated Reps., Abel, Maes, Campion, French, Diggs, Sykes, Stringham, Ladd and Hennessey for the Executive Committee. Rep. Ford seconded the nomination.

MOTION: Rep. Campion moved to cast one ballot by acclimation for the slate of Executive Committee members. Rep. French seconded the motion. A voice vote was called and all were in favor.

Rep. Sykes thanked those who have agreed to take on the task of being on the Executive Committee.

Rep. Ladd stated that the last four (4) years in which he was the Chair of House Education, especially last year, they had seventy seven (77) bills come to Education. Of those bills that came forward, 73% were approved with close to unanimous votes. There were a lot of agreement and working together on these issues. Of the remaining 27%, half of those bills were bi partisan with less than 17-3 and approximately the other half of those bills went down party line. That is a small number of bills compared to the whole seventy seven (77). He stated that he hopes they can work collaboratively together in the same way to address the issues of Grafton County.

Rep. Sykes stated that the next item to address is the adoption of the bylaws for the next biennium. He stated that Grafton County was the first county to develop by laws and there are still many that do not. Some counties have used Grafton County's bylaws as the basis for forming their own.

MOTION: Rep. Almy moved to accept the 2016 bylaws for operation during this biennium. Rep. French seconded the motion. Rep. Stringham called the roll. Twenty two (22) Reps., Adjutant, Almy, Campion, Diggs, Dontonville, Egan, Fellows, Ford, French, Gordon, Hennessey, Ladd, Massimilla, Mulligan, Nordgren, Osborne, Ruprecht, Smith, Stavis, Stringham, Sykes and Weston were in favor. With the vote being twenty (22) two in favor and none in opposition the motion passes.

Commissioner Remarks:

Commissioner Ahern stated that the Board of Commissioners works very hard. They meet every Tuesday morning at 9am and noted that those meetings open to the public. He stated that Farm Manager Donnie Kimball has retired after 37 years and Lisa Knapton has started as the new Farm Manager. A new Alternative Sentencing Director, Renee DePalo, has started as well. Commissioner Ahern went on to discuss how important the Alternative Sentencing programs are in Grafton County. He stated that Grafton County is very fortunate to have the Department Heads and staff that it does and he has enjoyed working with all of them.

CA Libby introduced herself to the new members and stated that she is available if anyone has any questions.

Rep. Sykes stated that the next Executive Committee meeting will be January 28th at 9:00AM. The meetings are every 3rd Monday every other month with the exception of January as the third Monday is Civil Rights Day.

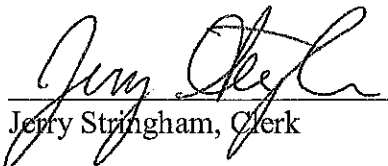
Rep. Sykes stated that the next meeting of the full Delegation will be the last Monday in June to vote on the budget. He expressed the importance of being at this meeting to the Delegation as they have had quorum issues in the past. Rep. Almy noted that there is a public hearing for the Commissioners' proposed budget in May. Rep. Campion suggested sending the Executive Committee budget meeting schedule the whole Delegation so they have the dates that each department head is presenting their budget and can attend if they wish to. Rep. Ladd noted that on the last page in the bylaws there is a timeline outlining the process of the budget. He suggested putting down dates next to those bullets so members can reserve those dates in their calendars.

Rep. Ford stated that she believes Grafton County is the strongest county in the state but she feels we need to take a look at the election of the Commissioners. Most counties have staggered election cycles for Commissioners so there is not the potential for three (3) new commissioners in one (1) term. This will ensure that there is always experience and history on the Board of Commissioners. She stated that this is something they need to think about this year and potentially change for next year. Most of the counties in New Hampshire have gone with this method. She stated that part of the reason that Grafton County is the best county in the state is because of the stability that they have had in the Commissioners and leadership. They need to make sure they stay strong. Rep. Sykes made note that the Commissioners are some of the hardest workers he knows in terms of elected office. They attend many public events and try to do what is best for the county. Grafton County has been very blessed to have kind, caring, open-minded people in those positions. He stated that Grafton County is one of the best run counties in the state but it does have its challenges and they will look to address those challenges moving forward.

Rep. Sykes thanked Commissioner Ahern for his service. He stated that he has always added to the discussions at the meetings and his work is much appreciated.

10:04 AM with no further business the meeting adjourned.

Sincerely,


Jerry Stringham, Clerk



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