

DELEGATION MEETING

Reorganization Meeting  
Administration Building  
3855 Dartmouth College Highway  
North Haverhill, NH  
December 7, 2020

PRESENT: Commissioner Lauer, Commissioner Piper, County Administrator Libby, Administrative Assistant Norcross, Commissioner Elect Ahern, Register of Deeds Monahan, See roll call attendance for list of Representatives.

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

GRAFTON COUNTY

RIGHT-TO-KNOW LAW MEETING CHECKLIST

As Chair of the Grafton County Delegation, due to COVID-19/Coronavirus crisis and in accordance with Governor Sununu's Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, the Board is authorized to meet electronically.

Please note that there is no physical location to observe and listen contemporaneously to the meeting, which was authorized pursuant to the Governor's Emergency Order. However, in accordance with the Emergency Order, this is to confirm we are:

- a) Providing public access to the meeting by telephone, with additional possibilities by video or other electronic means;
  - a. We are utilizing the Zoom platform for the electronic meeting. All members of the Committee have the ability to communicate contemporaneously during this meeting through the Zoom platform, and the public has access to contemporaneously listen and, if necessary, participate in the meeting through dialing the following phone +1 646 558 8656 and using Meeting ID 828 2204 4477 with password: 453542, or by clicking the following website address: <https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/82822044477?pwd=ZXloMjRLaTRIZll0eG9uODAOa25uQT09>
- b) Providing public notice of the necessary information for accessing this meeting:
  - a. We previously gave notice to the public of how to access the meeting using Zoom and instructions are provided on the Grafton County website at: [www.co.grafton.nh.us](http://www.co.grafton.nh.us).
- c) Providing a mechanism for the public to alert the public body during the meeting if there are problems with access:
  - a. If anybody has a problem, please call Julie Libby at (603) 496-7731 or email at: [jlibby@co.grafton.nh.us](mailto:jlibby@co.grafton.nh.us).

- d) Adjourning the meeting if the public is unable to access the meeting:
  - a. In the event that the public is unable to access the meeting, we will adjourn the meeting and have it rescheduled at that time.

Please note that all votes that are taken during this meeting shall be done by Roll Call vote.

Let's start the meeting by taking Roll Call attendance. When each member states their presence, also please state whether there is anyone in the room with you during this meeting, which is required under the Right-to-Know law.

Rep. Weston called the roll. Rep. Abel "here and no one is in the room with him during this meeting", Rep. Adjutant "here and no one is in the room with him during this meeting", Rep. Alliegro "here on site at the Grafton County Complex", Rep. Almy "here and no one is in the room with her during this meeting", Rep. Berezchny "here on site at the Grafton County Complex", Rep. Binford "here and no one is in the room with him during this meeting", Rep. DePalma "here and no one is in the room with him during this meeting", Rep. Dontonville, "here and no one is in the room with him during this meeting", Rep. Egan "here and his wife is in the house with him", Rep. Fellows "here and no one is in the room with her during this meeting", Rep. Folsom "here on site at the Grafton County Complex", Rep. Gordon "here on site at the Grafton County Complex", Rep. Greeson "here and no one is in the room with him during this meeting", Rep. Hakken-Phillips "here and no one is in the room with her during this meeting", Rep. Ham "here and no one is in the room with her during this meeting", Rep. Ladd "here on site at the Grafton County Complex", Rep. Muirhead "here and no one is in the room with him during this meeting", Rep. Massimilla "here and is not alone", Rep. Murphy "here and no one is in the room with him during this meeting", Rep. Nordgren "here and no one is in the room with her during this meeting", Rep. Ruprecht "here on site at the Grafton County Complex", Rep. Sanborn "here on site at the Grafton County Complex", Rep. Simon "here on site at the Grafton County Complex", Rep. Smith "here and no one is in the room with her during this meeting", Rep. Stavis "here and no one is in the room with her during this meeting", Rep. Sykes "here on site at the Grafton County Complex", Rep. Weston "here and no one is in the room with her during this meeting". With twenty-seven (27) members present, a quorum was declared.

9:09 AM Rep Sykes recessed the meeting for Party Caucuses. Party members left the room to caucus with their respective parties

9:49 AM Party members returned and the meeting was reconvened.

**MOTION:** Rep. Ruprecht moved to nominate Rep. Sykes as Chairman of the Delegation, Rep. Gordon as Vice-Chair and Rep. Weston for Clerk. Rep. Egan seconded the motion. Rep. Weston called the roll. Rep. Abel "yes", Rep. Alliegro "yes", Rep. Almy "yes", Rep. Berezchny "yes", Rep. Binford "yes", Rep. DePalma "yes", Rep. Dontonville, "yes", Rep. Egan "yes", Rep. Fellows "yes", Rep. Folsom "yes", Rep.

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Gordon “ yes”, Rep. Greeson “yes”, Rep. Hakken-Phillips “yes”, Rep. Ham “yes”, Rep. Ladd “yes”, Rep. Muirhead “yes”, Rep. Massimilla “yes”, Rep. Murphy “yes”, Rep. Nordgren “yes”, Rep. Ruprecht “yes”, Rep. Sanborn “yes”, Rep. Simon “yes”, Rep. Smith “yes”, Rep. Stavis “yes”, Rep. Sykes “yes”, Rep. Weston “yes”. With the vote being twenty-six (26) in favor and none in opposition the motion passes.

Rep. Sykes opened nominations for the Executive Committee.

**MOTION:** Rep. Ruprecht moved to nominate Reps, Sykes, Gordon, Weston, Ladd, Murphy, Abel, Egan, Greeson, and Folsom for the Executive Committee. Reps., for the Executive Committee. Rep. Ladd seconded the nomination. Rep. Weston called the roll. Rep. Abel “yes”, Rep. Alliegro “yes”, Rep. Almy “yes”, Rep. Berezchny “yes”, Rep. Binford “yes”, Rep. DePalma “yes”, Rep. Dontonville, “yes”, Rep. Egan “yes”, Rep. Fellows “yes”, Rep. Folsom “yes”, Rep. Gordon “ yes”, Rep. Greeson “yes”, Rep. Hakken-Phillips “yes”, Rep. Ham “yes”, Rep. Ladd “yes”, Rep. Muirhead “yes”, Rep. Massimilla “yes”, Rep. Murphy “yes”, Rep. Nordgren “yes”, Rep. Ruprecht “yes”, Rep. Sanborn “yes”, Rep. Simon “yes”, Rep. Smith “yes”, Rep. Stavis “yes”, Rep. Sykes “yes”, Rep. Weston “yes”. With the vote being twenty-six (26) in favor and none in opposition the motion passes.

10:00am Rep. Ruprecht left the meeting.

**MOTION:** Rep. Ladd moved to approve the following amendment to the bylaws: Following bylaws section relative to “**Further Meetings,**” insert the following new section title with reference to Addendum A:

**Emergency Meetings:**

(See Addendum A: *Emergency Meetings Implementation Guidance and Grafton County Right-To- Know Law Meeting Checklist Protocol*)

Addendum A to include the following: “highlighted wording in yellow” as forwarded to delegation members in preparation for the organizational meeting.

Rep. Almy seconded the motion.

Discussion: Rep. Almy asked for clarification and if they would have to go along with this addendum if the emergency order changes. She stated that this is very cumbersome. Rep. Ladd stated that he sees the need for this as an addendum. Without some reference to a process to give them guidance, there is opportunity to get into a problem that could be a liability or litigation down the road. He agrees the language is cumbersome and there may be need to work on that throughout the year and come back and modify it to make it more fitting for the county complex but he does feel they need something in place to ensure they have backup guidance in place. CA Libby stated that the language she put in the bylaws is not specific to the Covid 19 language that they are using today. It has room

for change depending on the situation. The Representatives discussed all of their concerns regarding adding this addendum into the bylaws. Rep. Ladd agreed that there a lot of associated issues with this that have been brought up by both parties. He suggested that maybe they should form a subcommittee to develop a proper amendment for the bylaws and present that to the full Delegation later this year. Rep. Sykes stated that if Rep. Ladd would remove his amendment and they can establish a subcommittee to review the bylaws.

**MOTION:** Rep. Gordon moved to table the motion and have Rep. Sykes appoint a subcommittee to report to the body at their budget meeting on a proposal for dealing with emergency meetings. Rep. Ladd seconded the motion.

Discussion: Rep. Sykes stated that they would not include this new addendum now; they would vote on the existing bylaws. Rep. Nordgren stated that she feels it would be good to pass what they currently have for bylaws as they have to have something in place to take us to the next step then set up a committee to continue to talk about things as they change. Rep. Almy stated that they could pass the current bylaws now and put together a subcommittee to report to the full Delegation in June.

**MOTION:** Rep. Gordon moved to amend the motion and approve the current bylaws in session, table the amendment and for the Chairman of the Delegation to appoint a subcommittee to study the bylaws. Rep. Sanborn seconded the amendment. Rep. Weston called the roll. Rep. Abel “yes”, Rep. Alliegro “no”, Rep. Almy “yes”, Rep. Berezchny “yes”, Rep. Binford “no”, Rep. DePalma “yes”, Rep. Dontonville, “yes”, Rep. Egan “yes”, Rep. Fellows “yes”, Rep. Folsom “yes”, Rep. Gordon “ yes”, Rep. Greeson “no”, Rep. Hakken-Phillips “no”, Rep. Ham “no”, Rep. Ladd “yes”, Rep. Muirhead “no”, Rep. Massimilla “yes”, Rep. Murphy “yes”, Rep. Nordgren “no”, Rep. Ruprecht “yes”, Rep. Sanborn “yes”, Rep. Simon “yes”, Rep. Smith “no”, Rep. Stavis “yes”, Rep. Sykes “yes”, Rep. Weston “no”.

Rep. Sykes stated that in order to pass a motion in regards to the bylaws they need a 2/3 majority vote which would mean they would need a 17-8. They had sixteen (16) in favor and nine (9) in opposition, therefore the motion fails.

**MOTION:** Rep. Folsom moved to table the amendments. Rep. Sanborn seconded the motion.

Discussion: Rep. Ladd stated that the reason they put in 2/3 majority in order is because in order to have something they have to use and be effective they need to have ownership on more than just the majority. They need to create a study group to create an amendment that they can agree on. Rep. Gordon noted that a motion to table is nonnegotiable.

Rep. Weston called the roll. Rep. Abel “yes”, Rep. Alliegro “yes”, Rep. Almy “yes”, Rep. Berezchny “yes”, Rep. Binford “yes”, Rep. DePalma “yes”, Rep. Dontonville, “yes”, Rep. Egan “yes”, Rep. Fellows “yes”, Rep. Folsom “yes”, Rep. Gordon “ yes”, Rep.



Greeson “yes”, Rep. Hakken-Phillips “yes”, Rep. Ham “yes”, Rep. Ladd “yes”, Rep. Muirhead “yes”, Rep. Massimilla “yes”, Rep. Murphy “yes”, Rep. Nordgren “no”, Rep. Ruprecht “yes”, Rep. Sanborn “yes”, Rep. Simon “yes”, Rep. Smith “yes”, Rep. Stavis “yes”, Rep. Sykes “yes”, Rep. Weston “yes”. With the vote being twenty-five (25) in favor and one (1) in opposition the motion passes.

**MOTION:** Rep. Almy moved to approve the bylaws as currently written and that a committee be created to study Rep. Ladd’s amendment. Rep. Berezhny seconded the motion.

Discussion: Rep. Ladd requested an amendment to the motion to state that they will return to the Delegation with a recommendation. Rep. Almy accepted the amendment to the motion. Rep. Berezhny seconded the amended motion.

Rep. Weston called the roll. Rep. Abel “yes”, Rep. Alliegro “yes”, Rep. Almy “yes”, Rep. Berezhny “yes”, Rep. Binford “yes”, Rep. DePalma “yes”, Rep. Dontonville, “yes”, Rep. Egan “yes”, Rep. Fellows “yes”, Rep. Folsom “yes”, Rep. Gordon “yes”, Rep. Greeson “yes”, Rep. Hakken-Phillips “yes”, Rep. Ham “yes”, Rep. Ladd “yes”, Rep. Muirhead “yes”, Rep. Massimilla “yes”, Rep. Murphy “yes”, Rep. Nordgren “yes”, Rep. Ruprecht “yes”, Rep. Sanborn “yes”, Rep. Simon “yes”, Rep. Smith “yes”, Rep. Stavis “yes”, Rep. Sykes “yes”, Rep. Weston “yes”. With the vote being twenty-six (26) in favor and none in opposition the motion passes.

#### Commissioners Remarks:

Commissioner Lauer stated that on behalf of the Commissioners, they welcome all the newly elected representatives and stated that they look forward to working with them over the next two (2) years.

County Administrator Libby welcomed all the new representatives as well and stated that if any of them have any questions to feel free to reach out to her.

#### New Business:

Rep. Sykes stated that they are looking to put together a study committee to look into the bylaws and right to know questions. He asked if there were any volunteers for the Committee. Reps., Ladd, Smith, Almy, Gordon and Berezhny all volunteered to be a part of the committee.

Rep. Sykes appointed Reps., Ladd, Smith, Almy, Gordon and Berezhny to the study committee for the bylaws and stated that Rep. Ladd will be the Chairman.

#### Comments from the Delegates:

Rep. Gordon stated that he has put in the bill to have rotating terms for County Commissioners so one commissioner would rotate a four (4) year term.

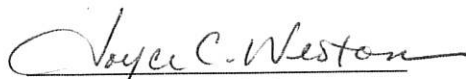
Rep. Ladd thanked Julie Libby and stated that she has been here a long time as County Administrator and his years in working with her she has been forthright at getting them any information they need. He stated that they are really appreciative of what she has done.

Next Executive Committee Meeting – January 25<sup>th</sup> 9am

Rep. Sykes asked if there were any comments from the public. There were none.

10:49 AM with no further business the meeting adjourned.

Sincerely,

  
Joyce Weston, Clerk



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Sign In Sheet ~ **PLEASE PRINT**

1 George Sykes  
2 Denny Ryprecht  
3 Mark Alliegro  
4 Ned Gordon  
5 Rick Lacedal  
6 Lex Bereshay  
7 Bill Sanborn  
8 Beth Tolson  
9 Mattie (Matthew Simon)  
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