

Delegation Budget Vote
Administration Building
3855 Dartmouth College Highway
North Haverhill, NH
June 24, 2019

PRESENT: see attached sign in sheet

Rep. Sykes called the meeting to order at 9:30 and began with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Rep Ford.

MOTION: Rep. Smith moved to appropriate \$46,611,726 for fiscal year 2020 of which \$27,086,914 is to be raised by taxes. Rep. Ford seconded the motion.

Discussion:

MOTION: Rep. Ladd moved to amend the motion and reduce the budget by \$371,726.00. Rep. Gordon seconded the amendment.

Rep. Ladd stated that this reduction would cut the cost of the parking lot paving. He is concerned in looking at the paving; the parking lot is in better condition than the route he travels to get here. It needs work, but to put that amount of money in, he thinks they should create a maintenance capital reserve. Rep. Almy asked where they are with the cycle in paving. She asked if it is in need of being grinded down. Rep. Sykes they are not at that point yet but for three (3) years they have put off paving. He stated that at some point it becomes penny wise and pound foolish and he feels they are getting to that point. Additionally, there was discussion on the Executive Committee that they would save 20% by doing it all at once; however they lose 11% in cost escalation over the last three (3) years and the longer it gets put off the larger that percentage will be.

Rep. Stringham called the roll. Four (4) Reps., Gordon, Ladd, Migliore and Stringham were in favor. Twenty (20) Reps., Abel, Adjutant, Almy, Campion, Diggs, Dontonville, Egan, Fellows, Ford, French, Massimilla, Mulligan, Muscatel, Nordgren, Osborne, Ruprecht, Smith, Stavis, Sykes and Weston were in favor. With the vote being four (4) in favor and twenty (20) in opposition the amendment fails.

Rep. Gordon stated that many of the towns in the southern part of the county are seeing major increases in their taxes. He stated that he wants to point out that county government is an engine in this part of the county as many people benefit financially from being employed here. He stated that the southern part of the county is detached from the county government in many ways as they do not see benefits from the county. He stated that yes the percentages relate to the tax assessments in the town but in the Town or Bridgewater all they see is a 15% increase in their county taxes and they do not like that. The individual tax payer does not view this as they do from a political entity.

Rep. Stringham called the roll on the original motion. Twenty one (21) Reps., Abel, Adjutant, Almy, Campion, Diggs, Dontonville, Egan, Fellows, Ford, French, Massimilla, Mulligan, Muscatel, Nordgren, Osborne, Ruprecht, Smith, Stavis, Stringham, Sykes and Weston were in favor. Three (3) Reps, Ladd, Migliore and Gordon were in opposition. With the vote being twenty one (21) in favor and three (3) in opposition the motion passes.

MOTION: Rep. Ford moved to authorize the Treasurer to borrow Tax Anticipation Loans in an amount up to \$8,000,000. Rep. Egan seconded the motion.

Discussion: Rep. Ford stated that the county does not go out and borrow \$8 million throughout the year and spend it. It is used as necessary until tax payments come in. Treasurer Hill stated that the last two (2) years the Delegation has authorized \$10 million in tax anticipation loans and they have only borrowed \$6.5 million and \$5.3 million. They only borrow when they need and at the last minute so they pay as little interest in possible.

Rep. Stringham called the roll. Twenty four (24) Reps., Abel, Adjutant, Almy, Campion, Diggs, Dontonville, Egan, Fellows, Ford, French, Gordon, Ladd, Massimilla, Migliore, Mulligan, Muscatel, Nordgren, Osborne, Ruprecht, Smith, Stavis, Stringham, Sykes and Weston were in favor. With the vote being twenty four (24) in favor and none in opposition the motion passes.

MOTION: Rep. Osborne moved to contribute \$100,000 from Dispatch Fees for fiscal year 2020 to the Dispatch Capital Reserve Account. Rep. Egan seconded the motion

Discussion: Rep. Migliore asked for clarification of this account. Rep. Sykes stated that this account is used to update equipment in the dispatch center. The reserve is funded by revenue from dispatch fees

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MOTION: Rep. Almy moved to expend \$206,800 from the Dispatch Capital Reserve account for equipment for the Dispatch Center. Rep. Egan seconded the motion.

Discussion – Rep. Almy stated that she understands that the entire console of dispatch needs to be replaced this year and it is a major expense. Rep. Migliore asked what these expenses are taking the reserve down to. CA Libby stated it would leave a balance of \$65,500. Rep. Ladd asked for an explanation on the new vehicle. Director Andross stated that the first piece of this expenditure is a console update which is now required of them. They replaced the consoles six (6) years ago and were able to use a lot of grant funding

for that. They have been putting off this update while the state police were doing their update. Once they are done with that update the Dispatch Center can do their upgrade and reconnect with the State Police again. Director Andross stated that they are also looking to replace the vehicle that hauls their mobile communications trailer. They are currently operating a 2005 Ford Excursion which is at the end of its life. They have maintained it where it is still operational today and may have some sale value. It needs to be replaced, and they cannot get manufacturer parts for it anymore.

Rep. Stringham called the roll. Twenty four (24) Reps., Abel, Adjutant, Almy, Campion, Diggs, Dontonville, Egan, Fellows, Ford, French, Gordon, Ladd, Massimilla, Migliore, Mulligan, Muscatel, Nordgren, Osborne, Ruprecht, Smith, Stavis, Stringham, Sykes and Weston were in favor. With the vote being twenty four (24) in favor and none in opposition the motion passes.

MOTION: Rep. Stavis moved to contribute \$50,000 from Medicaid ProShare funds to the Nursing Home Capital Reserve account. Rep. Egan seconded the motion. Rep. Stringham called the roll. Twenty four (24) Reps., Abel, Adjutant, Almy, Campion, Diggs, Dontonville, Egan, Fellows, Ford, French, Gordon, Ladd, Massimilla, Migliore, Mulligan, Muscatel, Nordgren, Osborne, Ruprecht, Smith, Stavis, Stringham, Sykes and Weston were in favor. With the vote being twenty four (24) in favor and none in opposition the motion passes.

MOTION: Rep. Weston moved to transfer \$181,818.32 of reserved FY 2019 funds that were not expended to the Nursing Home Capital Reserve account. Rep. Egan seconded the motion. Rep. Stringham called the roll. Twenty four (24) Reps., Abel, Adjutant, Almy, Campion, Diggs, Dontonville, Egan, Fellows, Ford, French, Gordon, Ladd, Massimilla, Migliore, Mulligan, Muscatel, Nordgren, Osborne, Ruprecht, Smith, Stavis, Stringham, Sykes and Weston were in favor. With the vote being twenty four (24) in favor and none in opposition the motion passes.

MOTION: Rep. Massimilla moved to expend \$194,321.12 from the Nursing Home Capital Reserve account for equipment at the nursing home. Rep. Egan seconded the motion. Rep. Stringham called the roll. Twenty four (24) Reps., Abel, Adjutant, Almy, Campion, Diggs, Dontonville, Egan, Fellows, Ford, French, Gordon, Ladd, Massimilla, Migliore, Mulligan, Muscatel, Nordgren, Osborne, Ruprecht, Smith, Stavis, Stringham, Sykes and Weston were in favor. With the vote being twenty four (24) in favor and none in opposition the motion passes.

MOTION: Rep. Diggs moved to expend \$20,071 from the Register of Deeds Surcharge account for equipment. Rep. Egan seconded the motion. Rep. Stringham called the roll. Twenty four (24) Reps., Abel, Adjutant, Almy, Campion, Diggs, Dontonville, Egan, Fellows, Ford, French, Gordon, Ladd, Massimilla, Migliore, Mulligan, Muscatel, Nordgren, Osborne, Ruprecht, Smith, Stavis, Stringham, Sykes and Weston were in favor. With the vote being twenty four (24) in favor and none in opposition the motion passes.

MOTION: Rep. Ruprecht moved to create a Capital Reserve Account for Maintenance purposes and contribute \$2,175.00. Rep. Egan seconded the motion. Rep. Stringham called the roll. Twenty four (24) Reps., Abel, Adjutant, Almy, Campion, Diggs, Dontonville, Egan, Fellows, Ford, French, Gordon, Ladd, Massimilla, Migliore, Mulligan, Muscatel, Nordgren, Osborne, Ruprecht, Smith, Stavis, Stringham, Sykes and Weston were in favor. With the vote being twenty four (24) in favor and none in opposition the motion passes.

MOTION: Rep. Abel moved Pursuant to NH RSA 24:14, to authorize the Grafton County Board of Commissioners to apply for, receive and expend federal and/or state grants and/or other unanticipated funds that become available during the course of FY20, and also to accept and expend funds from any other governmental unit or private source to be used for purposes for which Grafton County may legally appropriate money, and the expenditure of such funds shall be exempt from restrictions on over-expenditures of appropriations. Rep. Egan seconded the motion.

Discussion: Rep. Smith stated that expenditures over a certain dollar amount have to be brought to the Delegation for approval and asked if this was one of those instances. Rep. Sykes stated that if there is an expenditure of over \$5,000 being transferred from one account to another, that transfer needs to be approved by the Executive Committee. He stated that this is not a transfer of funds; they are taking money into an account and then spending it. Rep. Almy asked if the Delegation or Executive Committee has any say in whether a grant is accepted to do something that will have to continue later. Rep. Sykes stated that he believes this motion is giving the Commissioners the authority to make those decisions. Rep. Ladd asked CA Libby if they can match a grant through using their labor rather than having to come up with the money to match the grant they can use someone's wages. CA Libby stated that they can do that and do it frequently.

Rep. Stringham called the roll. Twenty four (24) Reps., Abel, Adjutant, Almy, Campion, Diggs, Dontonville, Egan, Fellows, Ford, French, Gordon, Ladd, Massimilla, Migliore, Mulligan, Muscatel, Nordgren, Osborne, Ruprecht, Smith, Stavis, Stringham, Sykes and Weston were in favor. With the vote being twenty four (24) in favor and none in opposition the motion passes.

Rep. Sykes thanked the Delegation stating that this is one of the best turn outs at a budget meeting in a few years.

Rep. Sykes stated that they have Executive Committee minutes that needed to be approved. He noted that anyone who is not on the Executive Committee needs to abstain.

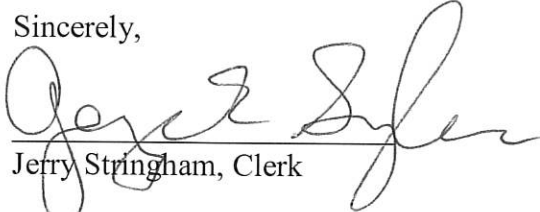
MOTION: Rep. Ladd moved to approve the minutes from the May 20th Executive Committee meeting as written meeting. Rep. Campion seconded the motion. With the vote being seven (7) in favor and none in opposition the motion passes. Seventeen (17) members abstained.

MOTION: Rep. French moved to approve the minutes from the June 3rd Executive Committee meeting as written meeting. Rep. Diggs seconded the motion. With the vote being seven (7) in favor and none in opposition the motion passes. Seventeen (17) members abstained.

MOTION: Rep. Stringham moved to approve the minutes from the June 10th Executive Committee as written meeting. Rep. Diggs seconded the motion. With the vote being six (6) in favor and none in opposition the motion passes. Eighteen (18) members abstained

10:25 with no further business the meeting adjourned.

Sincerely,


Jerry Stringham, Clerk





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