

DELEGATION MEETING – FY23 Budget Vote
Administration Building
UNH Coop Extension Conference Room
3855 Dartmouth College Highway
North Haverhill, NH
June 24, 2022

PRESENT: see attached sign in sheet

Rep. Sykes called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM and began with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Rep. Sykes.

Rep. Sykes called the meeting to order at 10:00am and began with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Rep Fellows.

Rep. Weston called the roll for attendance. Rep. Abel “here”, Rep. Adjutant “here”, Rep. Alliegro “here”, Rep. Almy “here”, Rep. Berezny “here”, Rep. Dontonville “here”, Rep. Egan “here”, Rep. Fellows “here”, Rep. Gordon “here”, Rep. Greeson “here”, Rep. Hakken-Philips “here”, Rep. Nordgren “here” (zoom), Rep. Simon “here”, Rep. Smith “here”, Rep. Stavis “here”, Rep. Sykes “here”, Rep. Weston “here”. Sixteen (16) members are physically present with an additional one (1) participating via zoom and a quorum was declared.

Rep. Sykes stated that the Executive Committee would be voting to approve the minutes from the May 23rd, June 3rd, June 6th, June 10th and June 15th meetings. He noted that only members of the Executive Committee are voting to approve these minutes. Rep. Gordon had a grammatical edit to the June 3rd minutes.

MOTION: Rep. Weston moved to approve the minutes from the May 23rd, June 3rd as amended, June 6th, June 10th and June 15th meetings. Rep. Egan seconded.

Rep. Weston called the roll. Rep. Abel “yes”, Rep. Egan “yes”, Rep. Gordon “yes”, Rep. Greeson “yes”, Rep. Simon “yes”, Rep. Sykes “yes”, Rep. Weston “yes”. With the vote being seven (7) in favor and none in opposition the motion passes.

MOTION: Rep. Weston moved to approve the minutes from the May 23rd Delegation meeting. Rep. Egan seconded the motion. Rep. Weston called the roll. Rep. Abel “yes”, Rep. Adjutant “yes”, Rep. Alliegro “yes”, Rep. Almy “yes”, Rep. Berezny “yes”, Rep. Dontonville “yes”, Rep. Egan “yes”, Rep. Fellows “yes”, Rep. Gordon “yes”, Rep. Greeson “yes”, Rep. Hakken-Philips “yes”, Rep. Simon “yes”, Rep. Smith “yes”, Rep. Stavis “yes”, Rep. Sykes “yes”, Rep. Weston “yes”. With the vote being Sixteen (16) in favor and none in opposition the motion passes.

MOTION: Rep. Egan moved to appropriate \$49,859,825 for fiscal year 2023 of which \$26,532,050 is to be raised by taxes. Rep. Gordon seconded the motion.

Discussion: Rep. Egan stated that this represents a 1.63% decrease and the bipartisan unanimous vote of the Executive Committee is to support this budget. Rep. Gordon explained that this is a responsible budget concerning spending and the amount they are requiring the taxpayers to contribute. The Executive Committee made cuts based upon what they believed was appropriate at the time. He stated that those cuts totaled \$288,000. He noted that there have been concerns expressed regarding positions. He explained that the Delegation does not control hiring positions. The Commissioners make those decisions and if they want to hire these positions, they can. They would need to make it work within the budget that the Delegation approves approve. Rep. Sykes stated that he feels strongly that this was a hard worked on budget and is in support of the budget as proposed. He added that he feels they have come to a consensus that there is enough in the budget to be happy about and urges everyone to support it.

Rep. Weston called the roll. Rep. Abel “yes”, Rep. Adjutant “yes”, Rep. Alliegro “yes”, Rep. Almy “yes”, Rep. Berezchny “yes”, Rep. Dontonville “yes”, Rep. Egan “yes”, Rep. Fellows “yes”, Rep. Gordon “yes”, Rep. Greeson “yes”, Rep. Hakken-Philips “yes”, Rep. Nordgren “yes”, Rep. Simon “yes”, Rep. Smith “yes”, Rep. Stavis “yes”, Rep. Sykes “yes”, Rep. Weston “yes”. With the vote being seventeen (17) in favor and none in opposition the motion passes.

MOTION: Rep. Smith moved to authorize the Treasurer to borrow Tax Anticipation Loans in an amount up to \$5,000,000. Rep. Hakken-Phillips seconded the motion. Rep. Weston called the roll. Rep. Abel “yes”, Rep. Adjutant “yes”, Rep. Alliegro “yes”, Rep. Almy “yes”, Rep. Berezchny “yes”, Rep. Dontonville “yes”, Rep. Egan “yes”, Rep. Fellows “yes”, Rep. Gordon “yes”, Rep. Greeson “yes”, Rep. Hakken-Philips “yes”, Rep. Nordgren “yes”, Rep. Simon “yes”, Rep. Smith “yes”, Rep. Stavis “yes”, Rep. Sykes “yes”, Rep. Weston “yes”. With the vote being seventeen (17) in favor and none in opposition the motion passes.

MOTION: Rep. Fellows moved to contribute \$32,000 from Dispatch Fees for fiscal year 2023 to the Dispatch Capital Reserve Account. Rep. Dontonville seconded the motion. Rep. Weston called the roll. Rep. Abel “yes”, Rep. Adjutant “yes”, Rep. Alliegro “yes”, Rep. Almy “yes”, Rep. Berezchny “yes”, Rep. Dontonville “yes”, Rep. Egan “yes”, Rep. Fellows “yes”, Rep. Gordon “yes”, Rep. Greeson “yes”, Rep. Hakken-Philips “yes”, Rep. Nordgren “yes”, Rep. Simon “yes”, Rep. Smith “yes”, Rep. Stavis “yes”, Rep. Sykes “yes”, Rep. Weston “yes”. With the vote being seventeen (17) in favor and none in opposition the motion passes.

MOTION: Rep. Stavis moved to expend \$52,800 from the Dispatch Capital Reserve account for equipment for the Dispatch Center. Rep. Abel seconded the motion. Rep. Weston called the roll. Rep. Abel “yes”, Rep. Adjutant “yes”, Rep. Alliegro “yes”, Rep. Almy “yes”, Rep. Berezchny “yes”, Rep. Dontonville “yes”, Rep. Egan “yes”, Rep. Fellows “yes”, Rep. Gordon “yes”, Rep. Greeson “yes”, Rep. Hakken-Philips “yes”, Rep. Nordgren “yes”, Rep. Simon “yes”, Rep. Smith “yes”, Rep. Stavis “yes”, Rep. Sykes

“yes”, Rep. Weston “yes”. With the vote being seventeen (17) in favor and none in opposition the motion passes.

MOTION: Rep. Hakken-Phillips moved to contribute \$500,000 from the FY 22 Medicaid Pro-Share Payment to the Nursing Home Capital Reserve. Rep. Egan seconded the motion. Rep. Weston called the roll. Rep. Abel “yes”, Rep. Adjutant “yes”, Rep. Alliegro “yes”, Rep. Almy “yes”, Rep. Berezhny “yes”, Rep. Dontonville “yes”, Rep. Egan “yes”, Rep. Fellows “yes”, Rep. Gordon “yes”, Rep. Greeson “yes”, Rep. Hakken-Phillips “yes”, Rep. Nordgren “yes”, Rep. Simon “yes”, Rep. Smith “yes”, Rep. Stavis “yes”, Rep. Sykes “yes”, Rep. Weston “yes”. With the vote being seventeen (17) in favor and none in opposition the motion passes.

MOTION: Rep. Almy moved to expend \$20,897 from the Nursing Home Capital Reserve account for equipment at the nursing home. Rep. Dontonville seconded the motion. Rep. Weston called the roll. Rep. Abel “yes”, Rep. Adjutant “yes”, Rep. Alliegro “yes”, Rep. Almy “yes”, Rep. Berezhny “yes”, Rep. Dontonville “yes”, Rep. Egan “yes”, Rep. Fellows “yes”, Rep. Gordon “yes”, Rep. Greeson “yes”, Rep. Hakken-Phillips “yes”, Rep. Nordgren “yes”, Rep. Simon “yes”, Rep. Smith “yes”, Rep. Stavis “yes”, Rep. Sykes “yes”, Rep. Weston “yes”. With the vote being seventeen (17) in favor and none in opposition the motion passes.

MOTION: Rep. Abel moved to expend \$30,172 from the Register of Deeds Surcharge account for equipment. Rep. Weston seconded the motion. Rep. Weston called the roll. Rep. Abel “yes”, Rep. Adjutant “yes”, Rep. Alliegro “yes”, Rep. Almy “yes”, Rep. Berezhny “yes”, Rep. Dontonville “yes”, Rep. Egan “yes”, Rep. Fellows “yes”, Rep. Gordon “yes”, Rep. Greeson “yes”, Rep. Hakken-Phillips “yes”, Rep. Nordgren “yes”, Rep. Simon “yes”, Rep. Smith “yes”, Rep. Stavis “yes”, Rep. Sykes “yes”, Rep. Weston “yes”. With the vote being seventeen (17) in favor and none in opposition the motion passes.

MOTION: Rep. Adjutant moved, Pursuant to NH RSA 104:31, to increase the Sheriff’s Fees by 1% for FY 23. The total increase shall not exceed the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, Northeast Region, as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics United States Department of Labor using the amount published in the month of June prior to the year of the fiscal budget. Rep. Egan seconded the motion.

Discussion: Rep. Gordon requested a further explanation of the motion. Sheriff Stiegler stated that the 1% fee has been set by all other counties. He explained that Rep. Fellows brought light to what the spirit and intent to this law is. He stated that it is confusing as Rep. Gordon had stated but the other nine (9) counties have raised fees by 1%. Rep. Fellows explained that a bill passed last year authorizing the Sheriff to increase the fees based on the CPI. The intent was to look at the change in the CPI between last June and the year before which roughly 4%. She stated that the statute does not state annually or monthly and noted that the statute is worded poorly. She stated that what makes sense is an annual percentage increase. Rep. Gordon asked what the purpose of the second part of

the motion was and asked if they can remove it so they are voting to only vote to raise it by 1%.

Rep. Adjutant moved to amend the motion to read Pursuant to NH RSA 104:31, to increase the Sheriff's Fees by 1% for FY 23. Rep. Egan seconded the amendment. Rep. Weston called the roll. Rep. Abel "yes", Rep. Adjutant "yes", Rep. Alliegro "yes", Rep. Almy "yes", Rep. Berezchny "yes", Rep. Dontonville "yes", Rep. Egan "yes", Rep. Fellows "yes", Rep. Gordon "yes", Rep. Greeson "yes", Rep. Hakken-Philips "yes", Rep. Nordgren "yes", Rep. Simon "yes", Rep. Smith "yes", Rep. Stavis "yes", Rep. Sykes "yes", Rep. Weston "yes". With the vote being seventeen (17) in favor and none in opposition the motion passes.

MOTION: Rep. Dontonville 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 FY23, 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. Weston seconded the motion. Rep. Weston called the roll. Rep. Abel "yes", Rep. Adjutant "yes", Rep. Alliegro "yes", Rep. Almy "yes", Rep. Berezchny "yes", Rep. Dontonville "yes", Rep. Egan "yes", Rep. Fellows "yes", Rep. Gordon "yes", Rep. Greeson "yes", Rep. Hakken-Philips "yes", Rep. Nordgren "yes", Rep. Simon "yes", Rep. Smith "yes", Rep. Stavis "yes", Rep. Sykes "yes", Rep. Weston "yes". With the vote being seventeen (17) in favor and none in opposition the motion passes.

MOTION: Rep. Egan moved to appropriate \$2,084 for the Grafton County Unincorporated Place of Livermore for FY 2023. The Unincorporated place of Livermore's Budget for 2023 is adopted separately from the Grafton County Budget. This motion is to comply with the NH Department of Revenue Administration's instructions. Rep. Smith seconded the motion. R Rep. Weston called the roll. Rep. Abel "yes", Rep. Adjutant "yes", Rep. Alliegro "yes", Rep. Almy "yes", Rep. Berezchny "yes", Rep. Dontonville "yes", Rep. Egan "yes", Rep. Fellows "yes", Rep. Gordon "yes", Rep. Greeson "yes", Rep. Hakken-Philips "yes", Rep. Nordgren "yes", Rep. Simon "yes", Rep. Smith "yes", Rep. Stavis "yes", Rep. Sykes "yes", Rep. Weston "yes". With the vote being seventeen (17) in favor and none in opposition the motion passes.

Rep. Sykes stated that this year they have many issues for the county that they need to be working on and are looking to establish some committees to look into these issues. Rep. Gordon stated that he would like to look at starting a committee to look at the farm operation and address the financial issues with that.

MOTION: Rep. Gordon moved to establish a farm committee of three (3) Delegation members to look at the Farm's financial impact on the county, with members being

balanced by party and be appointed by the Delegation chair. Rep. Egan seconded the motion.

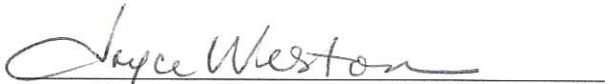
Discussion: Rep. Fellows stated that if they want to look at financials, they need finance people involved. Rep. Gordon stated that they would look at what the value of the Fis to county noting that value is not just money. Rep. Fellows stated that if they want to know the answer to these questions, the Commissioners should be deciding that they want to do that and hire appropriate people to accomplish it. She does not think the Delegation has the knowledge on this subject; it is too big of a job and needs more thought. Rep. Abel suggested an amendment to the motion and inserting the word mission. He stated that he does not feel they can make a decision about the farm without looking at things that the farm should be doing and what they are doing right now. Rep. Greeson asked what the purpose of this study would be. He asked if it would look at future viability. He also asked if anything been accomplished from FarmDOC. Rep. Gordon stated that he would withdraw the motion. They have had a morning where everyone has agreed on everything and it is clear that not everyone agrees on this subject. CA Libby informed the committee that the Commissioners had made a motion not to follow through with FarmDOC.

Rep. Gordon withdrew his motion. Rep. Egan withdrew his second.

Rep. Gordon wanted to recognize the chairman of the Delegation. He stated that they have been able to come together bipartisan in the last two (2) budget years. Rep. Sykes stated that it took two (2) parties to make that happen. He stated that he is sad to hear Rep. Gordon will not be running again and he would be greatly missed.

11:07 AM with no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Sincerely,


Joyce Weston, Clerk



Delegation Meeting

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3 Ned Gandy
4 George Taylor
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8 ~~Walmy~~ Susan Amy
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11 Richard Abel
12 Suzanne Smith
13 ~~Ryan W. Anonville~~
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15 Joshua Adjudant
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