

Delegation Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

Date	Time	Location
11/14/23	6:30 pm	County Complex

QUORUM-CALL

<i>Representative</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>
Bean	<i>X</i>	
Beaudoin	<i>X</i>	
Bogert	<i>X</i>	
Bordes	<i>X</i>	
Coker	<i>X</i>	
Comtois	<i>X</i>	
Dumais	<i>X</i>	
Harvey-Bolia	<i>X</i>	
Huot	<i>X</i>	
McCarter	<i>X</i>	
Nagel	<i>X</i>	
O'Hara	<i>X</i>	
Ploszaj	<i>X</i>	
Smart	<i>X</i>	
St. Clair	<i>X</i>	
Terry	<i>X</i>	
Trottier	<i>X</i>	
Varney		<i>X</i>
Count	<i>17</i>	<i>1</i>

MEETING VOTES

Main Motion: Terry moved to accept the agenda as mailed to the body, seconded by O'Hara.

Voice Vote: Unanimously approved

Main Motion: O'Hara moved to approve the minutes from 8/29/23, seconded by Terry.

Voice Vote: Unanimously approved

PRESENTATION

Chair, Doug Lambert, and Vice-Chair, Jade Wood, of the Gunstock Area Commission presented their update to the delegation and informed us that a \$352,000 check was given to the county. Gunstock has had many capital improvements this year; Rental Building, Summit Pub, The Shop, & Parking Lot. Also Wood spoke on the updates to Gunstock's onboarding and now all meetings will be recorded by NH Public Access. Lastly, Doug stated that they would like to hold this as an annual update to the delegation.

MEETING VOTES (Cont'd)

Main Motion: O'Hara moved to change the start times of the interview back by 15 minutes due to the time the presentation took, seconded by Terry.

Voice Vote: Unanimously approved

Public comment about the appointment of a new Gunstock Area Commissioner opened and closed without comment.

Recessed till 7:00 pm

INTERVIEW

All candidates spoke and took questions for 15 minutes.

Joseph Collie: Nagel asked why Gunstock and not another way to give back to the community? Collie spoke about the importance that Gunstock has on the area and other past volunteer efforts. Comtois asked how his advertising and promotional history could help Gunstock? Collie answered by saying that he felt summer activities and other non-ski related activities could be advertised more or in different ways to draw some additional summer attention. Terry asked if a donation from Gunstock should be subject to a vote of the Commission and asked if there should ever be a political donation? Collie said that donations should come to a vote and that a political donation would be unacceptable. St. Clair commented in approval on Collie's Ideas for Gunstock.

Rick Zach: Nagel asked Zach to expand on the idea of mountain bikes at Gunstock? Zach stated that Highland feels that this would compliment their business rather than complicate it; Zach also added more business details. Comtois asked about his thoughts on how to expand? Zach said that the west side of the mountain should not be used because there are many questions that need to be answered about ownership and cost. Zach thinks more trails on the east and faster lifts is how Gunstock should expand.

Comtois asked about off-season expansion? Zach stated the bike idea and added an idea about an expansion to the Campground due to the massive backlog for a seasonal site. Terry asked if a donation from Gunstock should be subject to a vote of the Commission and asked if there should ever be a political donation? Zach said that donations should come to a vote and that a political donation would be unacceptable. Coker asked about IT within Gunstock and if Zach has any ideas for it? Zach stated the importance of IT security within. Zach does not know Gunstocks systems but he is comfortable with IT systems. St. Clair asked if he had any more off-season ideas? Zach brought up the Tough Mudder event in the past.

John Whalley: Nagel asked what do you bring? Whalley said that he brings “Passion, Ideas, & Ski History.” Bordes asked about the time commitment needed to be a commissioner? Whalley said it would be challenging but he knows he can find the time. Coker asked about off-season ideas? Whalley thought of small concerts and more marketing of what they already have. Terry asked if a donation from Gunstock should be subject to a vote of the Commission and asked if there should ever be a political donation? Whalley said that line items should come to a vote but not down to the item. Also feels that a political donation would be okay if dispersed between the parties evenly. Comtois asked why county residents do not go to Gunstock? Whalley thinks that some residents want harder trails, and more lifts.

Angelo Farruggia: Comtois asked what is the “right direction” for Gunstock? Good finances, capital improvements, and off-season events. Comtois followed up on the capital improvements? Farruggia said that he did not see any major improvements needed but does think that Gunstock needs to maintain their current assets to date; example being the ski lifts and trails. Nagel asked who is not going to Gunstock and how do we get them? Farruggia feels that Gunstock has the right population on the mountain now. Coker asked if that if we do not grow will we be passed? Farruggia said that Gunstock was growing properly now and is not stagnant. Terry asked if a donation from Gunstock should be subject to a vote of the Commission and asked if there should ever be a political donation? Farruggia said that donations should come to a vote and that a political donation would be unacceptable. Comtois asked about off-season ideas? Farruggia echoed that the off-season needs more marketing, and said that what Gunstock is currently doing is the right direction.

Recessed till 8:10 pm

ELECTION OF GUNSTOCK AREA COMMISSIONER

Discussion: Comtois supports Collie for his outreach; Coker supports Whalley for his approach and experience; Bordes supports Whalley, followed by Farruggia for their business experiences; O’Hara supports Collie, followed by Farruggia for their approach as a citizen and not wanting to make any drastic changes; Dumais supports Zach for his approach to Gunstock; Bogert supports Zach for his background and dedication to Gunstock; Harvey-Bolla supports Farruggia for he appreciation for small issues that could have a bigger impact than we think and his approach to Gunstock; Ploszaj support Farruggia followed by Collie for their mindset towards Gunstock; St. Clair supports Zach for his mindset; Terry supports Collie for his approach; Bean Supports Farruggia for his approach and thinking around Gunstock.

Election process is that we will vote until one candidate has a majority of the votes casted, by eliminating the lost vote getter from each ballot

<i>Representative</i>	<i>Collie</i>	<i>Whalley</i>	<i>Farruggia</i>	<i>Zach</i>
Bean			<i>X</i>	
Beaudoin			<i>X</i>	
Bogert				<i>X</i>
Bordes		<i>X</i>		
Coker		<i>X</i>		
Comtois	<i>X</i>			
Dumais				<i>X</i>
Harvey-Bolia			<i>X</i>	
Huot				<i>X</i>
McCarter	<i>X</i>			
Nagel				<i>X</i>
O'Hara	<i>X</i>			
Ploszaj			<i>X</i>	
Smart	<i>X</i>			
St. Clair				<i>X</i>
Terry	<i>X</i>			
Trottier			<i>X</i>	
Count	<i>5</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>5</i>

Whalley is removed from the next ballot.

<i>Representative</i>	<i>Collie</i>	<i>Farruggia</i>	<i>Zach</i>
Bean		<i>X</i>	
Beaudoin		<i>X</i>	
Bogert			<i>X</i>
Bordes		<i>X</i>	

Coker			X
Comtois	X		
Dumais			X
Harvey-Bolia		X	
Huot			X
McCarter	X		
Nagel			X
O'Hara	X		
Ploszaj		X	
Smart	X		
St. Clair			X
Terry	X		
Trottier		X	
Count	5	6	6

Collie is removed for the final ballot.

<i>Representative</i>	<i>Farruggia</i>	<i>Zach</i>
Bean	X	
Beaudoin	X	
Bogert		X
Bordes	X	
Coker		X
Comtois	X	
Dumais		X
Harvey-Bolia	X	
Huot		X

McCarter	X	
Nagel		X
O'Hara	X	
Ploszaj	X	
Smart	X	
St. Clair		X
Terry	X	
Trottier	X	
Count	11	6

Angelo Farruggia is elected to be the next commissioner of Gunstock Area Commission.

Harvey-Bolla left at 8:30 pm.

MEETING VOTES (Cont'd)

Presentation of request of ARPA: Debra Shackett, County Administrator, and Peter Spanos, Chair of the County Commission presented the 2 additions to the ARPA request which is a new roof section on the County Complex and a new plow for maintenance. We still have approximately \$304,489 remaining to appropriate from ARPA funds. The solar array appropriation was changed from \$1,000,000 to \$750,000.

Discussion: Concern around the change on the solar array was brought up; Spanos explained that the change in price did not impact the size or quality of the array and only impacts the savings we receive.

Main Motion: Bogert moves to approve the ARPA Appropriation as presented to the body; seconded by Terry.

Voice Vote: Unanimously approved

Main Motion: Comtois moved to have our next meeting on 12/14/23 at 6:30 pm, seconded by Coker.

Voice Vote: Approved

ADJOURNMENT

8:55 pm; next meeting:

Date	Time	Location
12/14/2023	6:30 pm	County Complex

Submitted,

Travis J. O'Hara
Belknap County Delegation Clerk