

## Meeting Minutes for the Delegation – May 03, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

Rep. Sylvia called the Belknap County Delegation meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. on the above date at 34 County Drive, Laconia, NH.

In attendance: Rep. Aldrich, Rep. Bean, Rep. Bordes, Rep. Comtois, Rep. Harvey-Bolia, Rep. Hough, Rep. Lang, Rep. Littlefield, Rep. Mackie, Rep. O'Hara, Rep. Ploszaj, Rep. Silber, Rep. Sylvia, Rep. Terry, Rep. Trottier

Absent: Rep. Johnson, Rep. Varney, Rep. Trottier

Pledge: Rep. Aldrich

Attendance roll called

Rep. O'Hara – add approval of minutes to Agenda

Rep. Bean – to add his petition to New Business

Rep. Lang – to add petition regarding legal to New Business

Above approved

M/Rep. Harvey-Bolia S/Rep. Terry to approve minutes of April 12, 2022 – unanimous

Public Hearing

Commissioners to speak to supplemental appropriation – Gunstock Commissioners approved by a vote of 5 to 0 to accept the monies for paving the parking lot - numbers are not final for the paving of Gunstock parking lot – 2<sup>nd</sup> request Skylights for Nursing Home, was able to solicit 2 bids

Rep. O'Hara – how will paving the parking lot benefit all of the taxpayers – A. It is a magnet for tourism that benefits all the taxpayers

Who originated the request for the paving of Gunstock – Was it you Commissioner Spanos? Yes, I went to the Gunstock Commissioners.

What criteria did you use to come before us and put Gunstock at the top of the list? We are prioritizing Gunstock because of its value to the county.

How did you arrive at \$1.3 million? There was an estimate a few years ago. Is \$1.3 million your cap?

Rep. Bean – Q. Wouldn't it make more sense to invest in the lifts instead of the parking lot? A. they will be looking at that.

Rep Hough – Q. enabling act 399:14 – Do we have a completed budget to look at tonight? A. No

Rep Aldrich – Q. confused \$1.3 million, will that include the drainage that is necessary? A. it will be an additional expense

Rep. Howard – Q. Two bids for Nursing Home, did you give the company that submitted the lower bid a chance to rebid? A. they became completely uncooperative. Q. How many skylights? A. 12 Q. Several glass companies out there, were none of them interested in bidding on them. A. this is very specific work, in a highly sensitive area. Any company that does work for the nursing home, must either test their employees working onsite daily if they are not up to date on their COVID shots. They must also have air filters and partition off the places they are working. Q. Is this due to State or Federal Guidelines? A. Federal

Dr. Strang – GAC did not request this money; it was offered by the County Commissioners – the numbers we are talking about came from the County Commissioners and not the GAC.

ARPA money is not a gift it is an appropriation, it is not free money. How much ARPA money do we have left? Out of the \$12 million we are expecting we have about ½ of it left.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS CLOSED

M/Rep. Silber S/Rep. Harvey-Bolia– I hereby move that the sum of \$1,300,000 from the ARPA funds be transferred forthwith by Belknap County in a single sum to the Gunstock Area Commission, to be utilized for the paving of the Gunstock parking lot under the following terms & conditions:

1. The monies shall be placed into a separate interest-bearing account by the GAC, to be disbursed in accordance with these conditions.
2. The GAC shall solicit & obtain not less than 3 bids or responses to RFPs from reputable engineering firms for providing appropriate engineering work regarding the parking lot paving project, and the GAC shall select one of those responsive bids or responses to RFPs to do the engineering work, to be paid for out of the ARPA funds in the separate account.
3. The GAC shall solicit & obtain not less than 3 bids or responses to RFPs from reputable paving contracting firms for providing appropriate paving of the parking lot, including any drainage and/or terracing required, and the GAC shall select one of those responsive bids or responses to RFPs to do the paving work, to be paid for out of the ARPA funds in the separate account.
4. If the total cost of the engineering and paving work is less than the \$1.3 Million placed in the separate account, the surplus funds shall be returned to Belknap County.
5. If the total cost of the engineering and paving work is more than the \$1.3 Million placed in the separate account, the deficit shall be paid for out of Gunstock funds or the GAC shall seek a supplemental appropriation for same.

M/Rep. O'Hara S/Rep. Bordes – motion to table – 9 to 6 – motion passes

M/Rep. Lang S/Rep. Hough – to appropriate \$381,000 of ARPA funds to replace 12 skylights in the County Nursing Home – unanimous

M/Rep. Lang S/Rep. Harvey-Bolia – appropriate up to \$1.3 million of ARPA funds for the purpose of engineering & paving of the Gunstock Area parking lot to be disbursed by the County Commissioners upon receipt of invoices from the GAC, and a request for payment by a majority vote of the GAC

Rep. Hough – per the enabling legislation I will be voting against this as we are not following the letter of the law.

M/Rep. Terry S/Rep. Aldrich – add to the previous motion “the way be clear” – motion fails

M/Rep. O'Hara S/Rep. Aldrich – motion to table – motion fails

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#### NEW BUSINESS

M/Rep. Sylvia S/Rep. Silber – having appropriated a contingency fund to meet the cost of unanticipated expenses, and as authorized by RSA 24:13, II, we request the executive committee authorize the expenditure of an additional \$30k for payment to Cleveland, Water, and Bass, PA for legal services delivered – motion passes 8 to 7

M/Rep. Sylvia S/Rep. Aldrich – whereas the delegation needed to expend \$50k in defense of a suit brought by the GAC, the Belknap County Delegation requests reimbursement of said amount from the GAC

M/Rep. Bordes S/Rep. O'Hara – to table request of payment from GAC – motion fails

M/Rep. Terry S/Rep. Aldrich – move the question – motion passes

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Rep. Bean is recognized to speak to his pledge – signed by 17 members of the delegation

M/Rep. Terry S/Rep. Aldrich – motion to put pledge into the record – unanimous

M/Rep. Lang S/Rep. O’Hara – limited review of the emails to be released that were mentioned in the Legal bills – motion fails 4 to 10

Control Group – has to do with attorney/client privilege

Adjourn 09:15 p.m.

Attendance 05.03.22			Gunstock Appropriation			Authorize \$30k for payment to law firm		
				YES	NO		YES	NO
Rep. Howard	y	1	Rep. Howard	1		Rep. Howard	1	
Rep. Aldrich	y	1	Rep. Aldrich		1	Rep. Aldrich	1	
Rep. Bean	y	1	Rep. Bean	1		Rep. Bean		1
Rep. Bordes	y	1	Rep. Bordes	1		Rep. Bordes		1
Rep. Harvey-Bolia	y	1	Rep. Harvey-Bolia	1		Rep. Harvey-Bolia		1
Rep. Hough	y	1	Rep. Hough		1	Rep. Hough	1	
Rep. Johnson	excused		Rep. Lang	1		Rep. Lang		1
Rep. Lang	y	1	Rep. Littlefield	1		Rep. Littlefield	1	
Rep. Littlefield	y	1	Rep. Mackie		1	Rep. Mackie		1
Rep. Mackie	unexcused/came in late		Rep. O'Hara		1	Rep. O'Hara		1
Rep. O'Hara	y	1	Rep. Ploszaj	1		Rep. Ploszaj		1
Rep. Ploszaj	y	1	Rep. Silber	1		Rep. Silber	1	
Rep. Silber	y	1	Rep. Terry	1		Rep. Terry	1	
Rep. Terry	y	1	Rep. Comtois		1	Rep. Comtois	1	
Rep. Trottier	excused		Rep. Sylvia	1		Rep. Sylvia	1	
Rep. Varney	excused		TOTALS	10	5	TOTALS	8	7
Rep. Comtois	y	1						
Rep. Sylvia	y	1	Rep. Johnson	Excused		Rep. Johnson	Excused	
TOTALS		0	Rep. Trottier	Excused		Rep. Trottier	Excused	
			Rep. Varney	Excused		Rep. Varney	Excused	

Authorization for Exec Committee		
	YES	NO
Rep. Howard	1	
Rep. Aldrich	1	
Rep. Bean	1	
Rep. Bordes		1
Rep. Harvey-Bolia	1	
Rep. Hough	1	
Rep. Lang	1	
Rep. Littlefield		1
Rep. Mackie	1	
Rep. O'Hara		1
Rep. Ploszaj	1	
Rep. Silber	1	
Rep. Terry	1	
Rep. Comtois	1	
Rep. Sylvia	1	
TOTALS	12	3
Rep. Johnson	Excused	
Rep. Trottier	Excused	
Rep. Varney	Excused	

LIMITED RELEASE OF EMAILS			
	YES	NO	
Rep. Howard		1	
Rep. Aldrich		1	
Rep. Bean	1		
Rep. Bordes	1		
Rep. Harvey-Bolia		1	
Rep. Hough		1	
Rep. Lang	1		
Rep. Littlefield		1	
Rep. Mackie			LEFT EARLY
Rep. O'Hara	1		
Rep. Ploszaj		1	
Rep. Silber		1	
Rep. Terry		1	
Rep. Comtois		1	
Rep. Sylvia		1	
TOTALS	4	10	
Rep. Johnson	Excused		
Rep. Trottier	Excused		
Rep. Varney	Excused		