

Delegation Meeting Minutes December 13, 2018 at 6:00 pm

Rep Tilton called the Belknap County Delegation meeting to order at 6:00 pm on the above date at 34 County Drive, Laconia, NH. Representative Howard led the pledge of allegiance.

In Attendance: Representatives Aldrich, Bean, Beaudoin, Comtois, Feeney, Fields, Howard, Huot, Jurius (@ 6:30pm), Lang, Mackie, Plumer, Spanos, St. Clair, Sylvia, Tilton, Varney and Viens (@ 6:30pm).

Rep Tilton acted as Chair as he is the longest serving member. All Representative, Commissioners and department heads introduced themselves.

Elect Officers: Rep Tilton stated the first order of business was to elect a chairperson.

Rep Howard nominated Rep Sylvia as Chairperson, S/Plumer.

Rep Lang nominated Rep Spanos as Chairperson, S/Huot.

M/Huot, S/Fields to close nominations. Unanimous. Motion passed.

Rep Sylvia handed out papers for the members to vote for Chairperson. Rep Tilton stated the ballots will be collected, read aloud and put in the record.

Ballot	results:
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	Chairman	
Aldrich	Sylvia	
Bean	Sylvia	
Beaudoin	Sylvia	
Comtois	Sylvia	
Feeney	Spanos	
Fields	Spanos	
Howard	Sylvia	
Huot	Spanos	
Jurius		
Lang	Spanos	
Mackie	Sylvia	
Plummer	Sylvia	
Spanos	Spanos	
St. Clair	Spanos	
Sylvia	Sylvia	
Tilton	Spanos	
Varney	Sylvia	
Viens		

Rep Sylvia is the Chairman of the Delegation.

Rep Spanos nominated Rep Lang as Vice-Chair, S/Fields.

Rep Comtois nominated Rep Howard as Vice-Chair, S/Aldrich.

M/Fields, S/Huot to close nominations. Unanimous. Motion passed.

Ballot results:				
	Vice-Chairman			
Aldrich	Howard			
Bean	Lang			
Beaudoin	Lang			
Comtois	Howard			
Feeney	Lang			
Fields	Lang			
Howard	Howard			
Huot	Lang			
Jurius				
Lang	Lang			
Mackie	Howard			
Plummer	Howard			
Spanos	Lang			
St. Clair	Lang			
Sylvia	Howard			
Tilton	Lang			
Varney	Howard			
Viens				

Rep Lang is the Vice-Chair of the Delegation.

Rep Fields nominated Rep Comtois as Clerk, S/Aldrich.

M/Huot, S/Aldrich that the Chair be allowed to cast one vote for Clerk. Unanimous. Motion passed.

Rep Sylvia voted Rep Comtois as Clerk of the Delegation.

Rep Sylvia stated he was looking for discussion and vote for Executive Committee to act as subcommittee for the budget process.

Rep St. Clair nominated Rep Huot, S/Lang. M/St. Clair, S/Fields to close nominations. Unanimous. Motion passed. M/Fields to allow Rep Sylvia to cast single vote S/Lang. Unanimous. Motion passed. Rep Sylvia voted Rep Huot to the Executive Committee.

Rep Lang, S/Fields to nominate Rep Spanos to Exec. Committee.

Rep Howard, S/Plummer to nominate Rep Aldrich to Exec. Committee

Rep Spanos, S/St. Clair to nominate Rep Fields to Exec. Committee

Rep St. Clair S/Fields to nominate Rep Tilton to Exec. Committee

Rep Tilton suggested electing alternates. Rep Sylvia wanted to finish elections and discuss alternates after.

Rep Comtois, S/Lang to nominate Rep Howard to Exec. Committee

Rep Sylvia S/Howard nominate Rep Plummer to Exec. Committee.

M/Lang, S/Aldrich to close nominations. Unanimous. Motion passed.

Rep Comtois passed out paper ballots for members to write 3 selections for Exec. Committee.

Ballot results:

	Executive Committee			
	(3 selections)			
Aldrich	Howard	Plummer	Aldrich	
Bean	Howard	Spanos	Aldrich	
Beaudoin	Spanos	Fields	Tilton	
Comtois	Howard	Plummer	Aldrich	
Feeney	Spanos	Tilton	Fields	
Fields	Spanos	Tilton	Fields	
Howard	Aldrich	Howard	Plummer	
Huot	Fields	Tilton	Spanos	
Jurius	Spanos	Aldrich	Fields	
Lang	Tilton	Spanos	Fields	
Mackie	Aldrich	Howard	Plummer	
Plummer	Aldrich	Howard	Plummer	
Spanos	Spanos	Fields	Tilton	
St. Clair	Spanos	Tilton	Bean	
Sylvia	Howard	Aldrich	Plummer	
Tilton	Fields	Spanos	Tilton	
Varney	Howard	Aldrich	Plummer	
Viens	Plummer	Spanos	Howard	

Rep Spanos, Aldrich and Howard nominated to Executive Committee.

2019 Budget Public Hearing:

Commissioner DeVoy reviewed the slideshow presentation.

Each department head reviewed their department slide.

Ann Nichols spoke on behalf of Genesis (Lakes Region Mental Health).

Justin Slatery spoke on behalf of BCEDC.

Kelly McAdam spoke on behalf of UNH Coop Extension.

Lisa Morin spoke on behalf of Conservation District.

Rep Sylvia opened the public hearing at 7:23 pm and asked for public comment.

Tom Tardif, Laconia stated the County Attorney has one more responsibility and it is to respond to the Delegation. Mr. Tardif requested clarification on the grants in the budget. Rick Demarc, Meredith-congratulated members. He stated the downward trend in budget is not healthy or wise to the tax payer.

Rep Sylvia closed the public hearing at 7:28pm.

<u>**Other</u>**: Rep Sylvia reviewed RSA24-2B for replacing members of the Exec. Committee. There was a brief discussion on the purpose of an alternate member. M/Lang adopt RSA24-2B to elect a vacancy at next Delegation meeting should a vacancy occur, S/Aldrich. Unanimous. Motion passed.</u>

Rep Sylvia reviewed his target completion date for the budget and would like the Executive Committee to serve as the subcommittee for the budget process. Rep Fields stated he would like subcommittee that would benefit the new members. Rep Tilton stated he could see pros and cons of both ways. Rep Huot stated it was a good idea. He would like the Exec Committee to provide recommendations to the Delegation and wait a week to vote on the final budget.

M/Lang authorize the Exec Committee to act as the sub-committee for the budget and have a recommendation to the Delegation by February 11th, S/Howard. Unanimous. Motion passed.

There was a discussion about the legal line for the Delegation.

Rep Howard stated the issue with Gunstock is still hanging out from last session. There was a discussion about the study committee for Gunstock. The Gunstock Reps will be Howard, Plummer and St. Clair.

M/Fields authorize the 3 reps to produce a study committee for Gunstock, S/Aldrich. Unanimous. Motion passed.

Adjourn: M/Huot S/Lang to adjourn at 7:59pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Barbara Comtois Clerk