

Delegation Meeting Minutes July 11, 2017 at 7:00 pm

Chair Vadney called the Belknap County Delegation meeting to order at 7:07 pm on the above date at 34 County Drive, Laconia, NH. Representative Spanos led the pledge of allegiance.

In Attendance: Representatives Abear, Aldrich (@ 7:30 pm), Comtois, Fields, Flanders, Fraser, Howard, Huot, Lang, Plumer, Silber, Spanos, Sylvia, Vadney and Varney.

Absent: Representative Maloney.

<u>Interviews for County Attorney:</u> There was discussion about whether the interim County Attorney needed to be a resident of Belknap County and if the advertisement was properly worded.

M/Silber, S/Plumer to defer the applicants, re-advertise and set another deadline to receive applications by; to schedule another meeting Tuesday August 1st.

DISCUSSION: Rep Silber stated he wanted it advertised properly to avoid being sued. Rep Vadney stated it seems that advertising in the paper is not the best way to go. Rep Sylvia stated he researched the vacancy of the County Attorney and recalled three sections that dealt with it.

The applicants for the vacant position all agreed that the person appointed needs to be a resident of Belknap County upon appointment.

Rep Silber withdrew his motion.

M/Silber, S/Aldrich Delegation shall not accept late applications for County Attorney. 7-yes 7-no **Motion failed**. Rep Howard did not vote. Rep Howard stated to add his vote to the yes. Rep Vadney stated they could vote to reconsider.

M/Vadney, S/Spanos to reconsider. Unanimous. Motion passed.

Motion to reconsider is Delegation should not consider late applicants. Rep Abear called roll: Abear-Y Aldrich-Y Comtois-N Fields-N Flanders-N Fraser-Y Howard-Y Huot-N Lang-Y Plumer-N Silber-Y Spanos-N Sylvia-Y Varney-N Vadney-N. 7-8 **Motion failed**.

Rep Comtois stated this means we are hearing the late applicants. Rep Vadney stated that was correct.

The Delegation heard from Roni Karnis, Andrew Livernois and RJ Meurin. After each candidate spoke the Delegation was given the opportunity to ask questions.

<u>Appointment of Interim County Attorney:</u> There was a discussion about how to proceed with voting to appoint the interim county attorney. Each Representative wrote down on a piece of paper their choice for the appointment. Rep Abear collected the ballots and read the following results:

Representative	Vote
Abear	Livernois
Aldrich	Karnis
Comtois	Karnis
Fields	Livernois
Flanders	Livernois
Fraser	Livernois
Howard	Karnis
Huot	Livernois
Lang	Livernois
Silber	Livernois
Spanos	Karnis
Sylvia	Livernois
Vadney	Karnis
Varney	Meurin

M/Silber, S/Lang to offer Attorney Livernois the position of Interim County Attorney to start August 1st. Unanimous. **Motion passed**.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 9:41pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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