

Minutes
Belknap County Committee of Investigations
Meeting of August 23, 2021

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Representative Norm Silber, promptly at 6:30 PM in the main conference room of the Belknap County Complex.

The Chair then led all assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Chair called the roll- Representatives Silber, O'Hara & Comtois, being all members of the committee as re-constituted by the County Convention at its previous meeting, were present.

The Chair then again presented a proposed engagement letter by which the Committee would engage the law firm of Cleveland, Waters and Bass, P.A. and its director, Bryan K. Gould, to represent the Committee. The Chair entertained a motion to approve that engagement letter. The motion to retain Cleveland, Waters and Bass, P.A. and its director, Bryan K. Gould, made by Rep. Comtois was seconded by Rep Silber and approved by unanimous vote of the Committee. The Chair indicated that he would now proceed to execute the engagement letter and get the counsel involved in setting the taking of testimony of various members of the County staff.

There was a brief discussion of the functional areas of the County operations to be investigated. Rep Comtois requested that the Sheriff's Dept and the Corrections Dept. be added to the priority list of areas to be investigated. Rep O'Hara inquired as to the general nature of the areas of operations to be investigated, and the Chair explained that the nature of the activities of the Committee under RSA 24:17 will not be limited to issues pertaining to possible violations of the transfer policy of the County Convention, but rather would examine county operations with respect to the level of existing stewardship and problem areas, with a report to be made to the full County Convention for it to take whatever actions on the report it deems appropriate.

The Chair then adjourned the meeting at 6:48 P.M.