

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes 8.2.2019

In Attendance: David Babson, Paul Bergeron, Ben Champagne, Howie Chandler, Steve Church, Karen Clough, Chris Coates, Sue Collins, David Dionne, Robert Englund, Derek Ferland, Jennifer Fish, Keith Gray, Jason Henry, Kathryn Kindopp, Craig Labore, Sara Lewko, Julie Libby, Laura Mills, Toni Pappas, Wendy Piper, Shelley Richardson, Ken Robichaud, Robert Rowe, Tom Tombarello, Steve Woods, Jack Wozmak, and Kara Wyman of the NHAC Executive Committee; Danielle Duchesne, Kate Horgan, and Jim Monahan of the Dupont Group.

- I. Call to Order
 - a. Tombarello calls the meeting to order finding a quorum fit to conduct business.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
 - a. Tombarello leads the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes
 - a. Tombarello presents the meeting minutes from June 7, 2019, for approval.
 - b. Henry makes a **MOTION** to approve the minutes. Englund **SECONDS** the **MOTION**. The **MOTION PASSES**.
- IV. Awards Committee Update – Sara Lewko
 - a. Lewko lead the update from the Committee and explains:
 - i. The deadline for nominations is Thursday, August 15
 - ii. All nominations will be processed electronically through www.nhcounties.org/awards
 - iii. “Any NH county government employee may nominate any NH county employee within the same department for a relevant award based on your perception of a nominee’s work performance. Each nomination must have a second.”
 - iv. 6 submissions have been received as of 7/31
 - v. It is critical that the nomination be complete for submission
 - vi. All instructions and rules are available on www.nhcounties.org/awards
- V. Nominating Committee – George Maglaras
 - a. Horgan explains that anyone interested in running for an Officer position should submit their names to Maglaras, CC Danielle Duchesne and/or Kate Horgan.
 - b. Tombarello nominates Maglaras as Chair of the Nominating Committee.
 - c. The following nominations have come forth from the Executive Committee:
 - i. Jack Wozmack
 - ii. Chris Coates
 - iii. Julie Libby
 - iv. Jennifer Fish

- d. Henry makes a **MOTION** to approve the slate. Collins **SECONDS** the **MOTION**. The **MOTION PASSES** unanimously.

VI. SB 51 Committee Nominations – Tom Tombarello

- a. Tombarello explains that Senate Bill 51 established a commission to study expanding mental health courts state-wide. The Counties have two seats to fill – one was to be appointed by the County Attorneys – they have nominated Attorney Davis from Merrimack.
- b. The Association is to nominate someone for the second seat. Commissioner Taylor has expressed interest to serve in this role.
- c. Tombarello makes a **MOTION** to nominate Commissioner Taylor Hunter. Robichaud **SECONDS** the **MOTION**. The **MOTION PASSES** unanimously.
- d. Shackett asks that there be more open announcement about Commission appointments.

VII. Finance Report – Sue Collins

- a. Collins presents the updated finance report
- b. Only outstanding County is Rockingham County and a balance remaining from Belknap.
- c. Church explains that there will be an Academy Sept. 9 with graduation on Oct. 11.

VIII. Steering Committee Update – Jason Henry

- a. Henry presents the work of the Steering Committee so far, focusing on the changes to bylaws and the narrative provided.
- b. Henry presents narrative.
- c. Discussion of who will take notes when Dupont Group leaves the room. Legality of removing Clerk.
- d. Rowe suggests that officers be made up of elected, not appointed.
- e. Ferland points out potential for continuity with appointed people v only elected
- f. Henry explains that the Committee is open to recommendations, thoughts on the bylaws proposal.
- g. Pappas asks why the oversight of the budget was removed from the Commissioners Council.
- h. Tombarello suggests the Executive Committee vote on the budget.
- i. Pappas asks about Commissioners Council bylaws being abolished. The Committee has not reviewed the Commissioners Council bylaws.
- j. Church brings up that the CC must be spelled out in the bylaws.
- k. Officers contract out independent audit work, not an Audit Committee to do it.
- l. Collins points out that at least the Treasurer should be appointed with experience with accounting/bookkeeping.

IX. IDN Financing Update – Dupont Group & Tom Tombarello

- a. Tombarello explains that in a 8 – 1 – 1 vote, the Committee recommends to pay for your own financing structure.
 - b. Monahan describes the Committee will divide the work by coming up with a funding formula and the second part to be an agreement we can work out with the state to strengthen the communication between the Counties and IDNs.
 - c. Strong support for pay for your own approach.
 - d. Work to be done by the IDNs – there is dissatisfaction on the value IDNs are bringing of the Counties.
 - e. Goal to be by September bring the recommendations to gather for the individual counties. Recommendation wouldn't automatically renew after one year to allow for discussion and review.
 - f. Wyman, the dissenting vote, explains that she can't support county funding to pay for the IDN.
 - g. Piper asks that the subcommittee should consider a number lower than \$10,000,000
- X. County Conference Update – Dupont Group
- a. Sponsors: \$36,650; 21 sponsors; Tom to make calls next week
 - b. Registration: \$26,015; 103 tickets
 - c. Total: roughly \$63,000 revenues so far
 - d. Welcome reception tickets have been closed.
 - e. Session descriptions available online.
 - f. Jeffrey A. Graham of Graham & Graham, P.C. has asked if there is interest in a fraud in government seminar at the conference. Has offered seminar at NHGFOA and NHMA during the past few years – YES.
 - g. **Vote by general membership to be held on Wednesday, Oct. 16 during the lunch from 12:00 – 1:30 PM
- XI. Energy/Solar Project Update – Dupont Group
- a. Madeline to work with NHAC to help secure funding.
 - b. Monahan explains that he's worked with Clean Energy NH to take a lead on the solar project to get the Counties in a position to create an RFP and how to fund it.
 - c. Monahan explains that NHAC has been approached by USource, would recommend that we invite them to be involved and to present at the Conference.
- XII. Legislative Update – The Dupont Group
- a. Horgan asks for bill recommendations to find appropriate sponsors.
 - b. Read the narrative on your own.
 - c. Monahan explains budget situation as operating under the 2019 budget continuing resolution. The CR expires at the end of September.

- d. Impacts the county by operating on the 2019 county cap.
- e. Proshare language is amended in HB 2. Proshare 1 counties the cashflow will change. Get this resolved by mid-September.
- f. No deal on the budget right now – Sept. 18 and 19 on the calendar to take up vetoes and potentially a budget if there is one.
- g. Kate Horgan to send veto list out to Executive Committee

XIII. Discussion Regarding Cost Shifting – Chris Coates & Jack Wozmack

- a. Wozmack presents on cost shifting. Wozmack explains Property taxes have tripled but the state budget has remained flat over at least the last 30 years. The property taxes have had to increase and take on more burden of expenditures.
- b. Wozmack suggests a grassroots approach with selectmen, municipalities.
- c. Coates explains that there needs to be a broader conversation regarding costs shifting to property taxes.
- d. Discussion of a bill regarding defining the state’s burden of the property tax.
- e. Wozmack recommends that other counties take the letter and publish on your own.

XIV. Other Business

- a. Trivia questions is presented

XV. Next Meeting

- a. Friday, September 6 in Cheshire County

XVI. Adjournment

- a. Dionne makes a **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting. Henry **SECONDS** the **MOTION**. The **MOTION** is **APPROVED** unanimously.

Minutes prepared by Danielle Duchesne

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