

3.22.21 Strategic Planning Committee Meeting Minutes

I. Call to order

- a. Ferland calls the meeting at 2:35 PM to order finding a quorum fit to conduct business.
- b. Duchesne calls the roll of those present: Chris Coates, Andrew Dorsett, Derek Ferland, Jen Fish, Ray Bower, Deb Shackett of the NHAC Strategic Planning Committee. Danielle Duchesne and Kate Horgan of the Dupont Group. Lauren Banker and Commissioner Terry Clark of the public.

II. Approval of past meeting minutes (10.16.2020)

- a. Ferland presents the meeting minutes from the October 16, 2020 meeting of the Strategic Planning Committee. Coates makes a **MOTION** to approve the minutes. Shackett. **SECONDS** the **MOTION**. Ferland invokes unanimous consent. Hearing no objection, the **MOTION PASSES**.

III. 2019 survey

- a. Discussion of if the responses or past goals represented in the survey are still valid.
- b. Discussion of improvement in survey-identified areas.
- c. Discussion of NH Municipal Association resources, possible involvement/partnership. Related discussion of costs for involvement with the NH Municipal Association.
- d. Ferland “declares victory” on past efforts to address the 2019 survey responses, citing many improvements on survey-identified areas.
- e. Coates would like to take time to go in-depth on question #4 at the next meeting to evaluate if and to what degree each item has been addressed. Possibility for a new survey.
- f. Discussion of possible platform of mechanism for sharing information. Discussion on sharing documents, policies, etc. and if it needs to be public or password protected.

IV. Future management (review of Dupont Group contract)

- a. Horgan reminds the group that a new Dupont Group/Rumford Management contract will need to be decided on by the end of the year. Horgan recommends another 2-year contract versus a single year contract.
- b. Horgan explains that a contract on the American Rescue Plan Act analysis will be separate.

V. Legislative posture

- a. Horgan asks if the process for proposing legislative positions should be changed. Shackett explains that a bill affecting Belknap was not addressed by NHAC because an Executive Committee vote could not be taken to approve NHAC’s position before a hearing on the bill. There was no consensus on a faster process i.e., authorize the Legislative Committee to approve NHAC positions.
- b. Horgan explains that NHMA has a different process where the membership creates policy positions and bills fall into those policies are acted upon as needed, rather than approval of specific bill positions.

VI. Opioid Abatement Trust revision

- a. Ferland proposes discussion on structure of opioid lawsuit efforts, though the Association is not a party to the lawsuit.
- b. Ferland proposes changes for next legislative session regarding the issue with the allocation model (70/15/15) and that municipal payout share is deducted from the county payout share.
- c. Ferland is looking for the Committee to make a recommendation of legislation to address the above two issues.
- d. Ferland to bring his proposed draft revisions forward at the next meeting.

VII. County-related RSA's

- a. Ferland proposes update to old RSAs not keeping pace with modern scenarios (i.e., new construction approval, new equipment approval) and inconsistencies.
- b. Dorsett explains NHMA quick guide on RSAs by category.
- c. Ferland explains that RSAs could be amended via the legislature in a proactive way.

VIII. Other business

- a. No other business.

IX. Next meeting

- a. The next meeting of the Committee will be at the call of the Chair.

X. Adjournment

- a. Dorsett makes a **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting. Bower **SECONDS** the **MOTION**. Ferland invokes unanimous consent. Hearing no objection, the **MOTION PASSES**.

Minutes prepared by Danielle Duchesne on March 22, 2021.

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