

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Administration Building  
3855 Dartmouth College Highway  
North Haverhill, NH  
Monday October 18, 2010

PRESENT: Representatives Mulholland, Ford, Aguiar, Preston, and Friedrich,  
Commissioners Cryans, and Richards, Executive Director Clough and Secretary Martino.

EXCUSED: Representatives Laliberte, Gionet and Williams

OTHERS: Harold Brown and John Chamberlain.

Rep. Mulholland called the meeting to order at 9:17 AM

Rep. Preston moved to approve the minutes from the September 20th meeting  
which was seconded by Rep. Ford. Edits were made. All were in favor.

Steve LaFrance from Horizon Engineering and Maintenance Superintendent Oakes were  
in attendance to present the report on the water tank to the committee. Each committee  
member was previously mailed a written report to follow along with.  
LaFrance said that he was contracted by the County to take a look at the tank and to offer  
recommendations. The concerning issue was the lack of turnover in the tank.

Rep. Mulholland asked if the design of the tank was poor and LaFrance said that the  
actions that Supt. Oakes was taking right now to mix the water is currently taking care of  
the issue. He added however, that for the last two to three years now the traditional  
standard is to have a two pipe system coupled with mechanical devices within the tank to  
facilitate mixing and these are introduced at the time of construction.

LaFrance said that chemicals are used to treat the bacteria in the tank which produce  
disinfection byproducts. He said these byproducts create carcinogens, however, the  
chances of having a health problem from the byproducts is far less than from bacterium.  
Rep. Mulholland asked about the use of ultra violet and LaFrance said that there are  
certain "bugs" that are not killed by UV alone so it would need to be coupled with  
chlorine.

Rep. Friedrich asked about reverse osmosis and LaFrance replied that RO would work  
although it is very expensive and not likely that Woodsville Water and Light would  
consider it.

LaFrance continued on with the presentation referring to some alternatives which he  
outlined beginning with not doing anything at all to the County getting off of WW&L  
supply, creating their own water source and inviting Hatchland Dairy to join as a source  
of revenue.

An interim method being used currently is opening and closing a valve in the line,  
however, WW&L would not allow the County to open and close the valve and charges

the County to perform this rudimentary action, this sometimes has to be done twice a day. Rep. Aguiar asked why WW&L would not allow the County to do this and Supt. Oakes said that they (WW&L) do not want the County touching their infrastructure. The valve has to be on WW&L property as well because of the structure set up.

For the County to have their own water supply would mean they would have to drill some wells. Two are required as a minimum and there is no guarantee that they would draw enough water or that the water would be suitable and not contaminated somehow.

Rep. Preston asked if the problems that the County is or has experienced with the water tests, is being passed on to people south of the County and S. LaFrance said that they were. Rep. Aguiar asked if that creates a risk to the public and makes the County libelous and LaFrance said it could.

Moving on, LaFrance said that looking at the various alternatives, County water with Hatchland on the system would be the least expensive alternative in the long run. This presupposes that Hatchland will pay the same amount for water from the County as it does to WW&L. Based on analysis, Horizon recommends the County pursue this avenue.

If wells did not produce enough water or produce something caustic then the suggestion would be to abandon that idea and not put any more money into it drilling more wells.

Rep. Friedrich asked if there would be any added liability to the County for adding Hatchland Dairy to the system and LaFrance said there would be some responsibilities, particularly if there was no water for some reason. He said that it would be incumbent upon the County to figure out why, whereas now, they rely on WW&L to find that out. Commissioner Cryans clarified that right now WW&L is responsible for the water that comes out of the faucet regardless of the tank.

Supt. Oakes said that if the problem begins with the tank and then gets introduced into the system then there is some liability.

LaFrance said it was his belief that there will come a day when the storage tank will be an asset to WW&L.

There was a discussion about funding and where the County may get additional funds for the project, which could take up to three years to complete.

LaFrance said that if anyone had any follow up questions after digesting the information they could phone him personally.

Steve LaFrance and Supt. Oakes were thanked for their time.

Human Services Administrator Nancy Bishop brought the committee information on the generator which indicated that the County would be responsible for the maintenance and ownership of it. She said the LP tank was installed and the pad was poured for the generator and that it should be up and running by the end of November, beginning of December.

No one had any further questions for HSA Bishop

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Sievers was not in attendance but provided a written report for the committee which was passed out. According to Director Clough, no TAN money has been borrowed at this time.

Rep. Aguiar moved to accept the Treasurer's Report which was seconded by Rep. Ford. All were in favor.

## COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

Commissioner Cryans gave the report:

- The next Commissioner meeting will be held in the town of Holderness. Commissioner Cryans invited the Representatives to attend. The meeting will be at the new Ice Area at 9:00 AM.
- Two members from the National Institute of Corrections (NIC) were at the County last week to do some training with the Transition Team. The training was at no cost to the County and though many new things were learned, Grafton County was ahead of the curve on much of it. One NIC member was the original person who reviewed the Jail five years ago.
- The Jail project is on target with steel arriving on Thursday. Masonry work is being done.
- There will be a Drug Court Graduation on November 17<sup>th</sup> with Chief Justice Broderick as speaker.
- The reorganizational meeting for the new Grafton County Delegation will take place on December 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM at the County.

Commissioner Cryans said that the Nursing Home did not do well on their most recent survey which resulted in a \$5000 fine and they are not allowed to have any more LNA classes. They have until December 3<sup>rd</sup> to fix the infractions or any new or returning admissions will be denied. The Commissioners have had a conversation with NHA Bolander regarding this and her request is to add more staffing. This will be discussed further between NHA Bolander and Director Clough.

Rep. Preston asked why LNA classes had to cease and Director Clough said that it was part of the penalty imposed.

There was a discussion about what the Nursing Home is doing at present to remedy the situation. Commissioner Cryans said this is going to take a little time to figure out just what needs to be done.

Rep. Mulholland asked when this was discovered and Director Clough said that the survey was in the second week of September but they just received the review from CMS via the survey.

Rep. Aguiar asked if there was any kind of appeal to CMS and Commissioner Cryans said that there is an appeal being planned by NHA Bolander regarding LNA classes. He

added that he has always been very proud of the Nursing Home saying it's one of the best around, and if this Nursing Home took a hit on the survey he can only imagine what some others might be going through.

Rep. Aguiar asked what the harm is to not being able to hold LNA classes here and Director Clough said it was difficult to calculate since not all the graduating LNA's are hired here.

Rep. Aguiar said he would like to see both the fine and the prevention of the LNA classes appealed.

Rep. Preston moved to accept the Commissioners' Report which was seconded by Rep. Aguiar. All were in favor.

#### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S FINANCIAL REPORT

Director Clough began with the Jail census which is at 97 in-house, 21 in Drug Court, 1 hospitalized and 5 inmates were on electronic monitoring.

Nursing Home census is 129 and NHA Bolander has asked that it be held at that number.

The monthly variance report was reviewed.

Revenue: Most Departments are under budget.

Expense: Three Departments are over expended but should come back in line.

The prorated report was reviewed.

Rep. Ford moved to accept the Report of the Executive Director which was seconded by Rep. Preston. All were in favor.

Rep. Aguiar wanted to note that he finds the whole issue with the water tank very discouraging and doesn't see how this all came to pass. He said that according to the information presented today the best alternative was one that was made by Rep. Gionet all along. He said that he agrees with Rep. Williams who had said that someone dropped the ball.

Rep. Mulholland replied that is unfortunate but there was no use in weeping over spilled milk.

11:05 AM Rep. Preston moved to adjourn, which was seconded by Rep. Ford. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

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Phil Preston, Clerk