

Grafton County Delegation Vote Special Nursing Home Appropriation  
Grafton County ~ UNH Conference Room  
North Haverhill, NH  
Monday November 22, 2010

PRESENT: Representatives Bulis, Gionet, Ford, Ladd, Aguiar, Cooney, Smith, Williams, Preston, Benn, Pastor-Bodmer, Laliberte, Mulholland, Townsend, Almy, White, Gould, Harding.

OTHERS: Commissioner Cryans, Executive Director Clough, Secretary Martino, O. Ahern, W. Fortier, B. Patanovich, M. Tyler, S. Leavitt-Doubleday, M. Simpson, E. Bolander, R. Blechl, J. Gregg, R. Crocker, and Harold Brown.

Rep. Mulholland called the meeting to order at 11:05 and gave the floor to Commissioner Cryans who wanted to thank Reps. Mulholland, Williams, Laliberte, Ford and Preston for their work on the Executive Committee and all they've done for the County.

Rep. Preston then called the roll. Eighteen delegates were present and a quorum was declared.

Rep. Preston moved that the Delegation approve an additional appropriation for Fiscal Year 2011, for the Nursing Home, of \$200,000. from the undesignated fund balance which was seconded by Rep. Ford.

Discussion:

Rep. Williams said he feels this should be approved. Rep. Ladd said he supports this but because of the increased standards; things need to be looked at in the way of better efficiencies for next year's budget.

A roll call vote was taken. All members were in favor. Motion passes unanimously.

Rep. Ladd said that he would like to have support in looking at trying to get away from a grandfathered agreement that states the County must use Woodsville Water & Light for their utilities so that the County can look outside for better rates. He asked for help with a co sponsor. Rep. Almy suggested waiting until the new Delegates come on board.

Rep. Townsend asked if there was anything that the Delegation could do to help with the appeal that NHA Bolander was planning and she said there really wasn't, and that paperwork has been filed and they are just waiting on an appeal date. She thanked the Delegation on behalf of the nursing home for their support of the appropriation.

Rep. Bulis said he felt that the Commissioners should write a letter to the State because he feels that the transfer of money from one government agency to another is wrong. NHA Bolander said that the federal government really doesn't care and that she has spoken every year about the roll of CMS to the Congressional Delegates and it is not something that is on their priority list.

Rep. Almy suggested that perhaps the Commissioners from all the County nursing homes get a letter penned and express their concerns.

Rep. Mulholland thanked everyone for their support of her as Chairperson and said that she would miss the work at the County.

11:20 AM Rep. Williams moved to adjourn and was seconded by Rep. Ford. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

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Phil Preston, Clerk