

CAPITAL BUDGET OVERVIEW COMMITTEE

MINUTES

October 22, 2013

The Capital Budget Overview Committee met on Tuesday, October 22, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 201 of the Legislative Office Building.

The following members were in attendance:

Representative David Campbell, Chairman  
Representative John Cloutier, Clerk  
Representative Bernard Benn  
Representative Daniel Eaton  
Representative Ken Weyler  
Senator David Boutin, Vice Chairman  
Senator Sylvia Larsen  
Senator James Rausch  
Senator Nancy Stiles

Representative Campbell called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Senator Boutin, seconded by Senator Larsen, that the minutes of the September 24, 2013 meeting be accepted as written.

At the request of Representative Benn, that the minutes of the September 24, 2013 meeting be amended to include the following proposed statement on Page 2 (CAP 13-039) between paragraph one and two;

Representative Benn expressed concern about Pan Am Railway's asking price for the corridor. The Committee was assured by the Department of Transportation that an in depth analysis of the value of the corridor to the State was being undertaken and that the negotiations with Pan Am over the price would be transparent to the public. It was agreed (implied) that this Committee would be kept informed as to the status and price of the purchase.

On a motion by Representative Benn, seconded by Senator Boutin, that the minutes of the September 24, 2013 meeting be **accepted as amended**, inserting on Page 2 (CAP 13-039) the proposed statement between paragraph one and two; **Representative Benn expressed concern about Pan Am Railway's asking price for the corridor. The Committee was assured by the Department of Transportation that an in depth analysis of the value of the corridor to the State was being undertaken and that the negotiations with Pan Am over the price would be transparent to the public. It was agreed (implied) that this Committee would be kept informed as to the status and price of the purchase.** MOTION ADOPTED.

OLD BUSINESS:

On a motion by Senator Boutin, that CAP 13-039 Additional Information Department of Transportation – letter of commitment, dated September 24, 2013, to allow horseback riding on the Hampton Branch Rail Trail once the project has been completed, as requested by the Committee for the conditional approval of CAP 13-039 granted September 24, 2013, be accepted and placed on file in the usual manner.

NEW BUSINESS:

RSA 228:12-a USE OF TOLL CREDITS:

CAP 13-042 Department of Transportation – Bill Cass, Director, Division of Project Development, Department of Transportation, presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator Stiles, seconded by Senator Boutin, that the Committee **conditionally** approve the request of the Department of Transportation, to use up to \$17,500 of Turnpike Toll Credit, based on estimated costs not to exceed \$175,000, with the New Hampshire share being \$87,500 in federal highway funds, for the N.H. State Historical Preservation Office (SHPO) to prepare a nomination to the National Register of Historic Places for the Downtown Portsmouth Historic District, part of the agreed upon mitigation for the replacement of the Memorial Bridge between Portsmouth, NH and Kittery, ME, subject to the conditions as specified in the request dated October 3, 2013. **Committee approval is conditional upon receipt of a letter from the City of Portsmouth stating the City is in favor of this project.**  
MOTION ADOPTED.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

CAP 13-043 Department of Administrative Services – RSA 17-J:4 – Michael Connor, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Administrative Services updated the Committee on the Administrative Services Public Works Design and Construction's Capital Budget Projects Schedule FY 2014-2015.

At the request of Senator Boutin, that the Department of Administrative Services expedite the Psychiatric Crisis Beds capital project in order to have it completed in 2014 and that an updated report be submitted for the next meeting.

The informational items were accepted and placed on file.

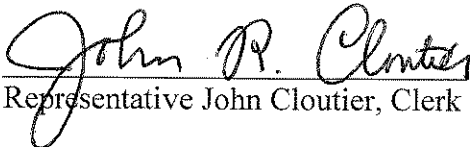
MISCELLANEOUS:

Michael Kane, Deputy Legislative Budget Assistant, distributed to the Committee a schedule of current agency reporting requirements. The Committee requested that the Departments of Corrections and Information Technology, and the New Hampshire Rail Transit Authority submit their reports as required for the November agenda.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT:

The next regular meeting of the Capital Budget Overview Committee was set for Tuesday, November 20, 2013 at 1:00 p.m.

On a motion by Senator Rausch, seconded by Senator Larsen, that the meeting adjourn. (Whereupon the meeting adjourned at 10:38 a.m.)

  
Representative John Cloutier, Clerk