

CAPITAL BUDGET OVERVIEW COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
April 15, 2014

The Capital Budget Overview Committee met on Tuesday, April 15, 2014 at 2:30 p.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 John Graham  
Representative Ken Weyler  
Senator David Boutin, Vice Chairman  
Senator James Rausch  
Senator Nancy Stiles

Representative Campbell called the meeting to order at 2:36 p.m.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Representative Weyler, that the minutes of the March 4, 2014 meeting be accepted as written. MOTION ADOPTED.

NEW BUSINESS:

RSA 12-G:46, III, HARBOR DREDGING AND PIER MAINTENANCE FUND ESTABLISHED:

CAP 14-015 Pease Development Authority – Geno Marconi, Director, Division of Ports and Harbors, Pease Development Authority, presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Senator Boutin, that the Committee approve the request of the Pease Development Authority, Division of Ports and Harbors, to expend \$98,200 from the Harbor Dredging and Pier Maintenance fund for the purpose of the State of New Hampshire's Non-Federal Share of the Portsmouth Harbor and Piscataqua River, New Hampshire and Maine, Navigation Improvement Project Feasibility Study and Environmental Assessment (FE/EA), associated with expanding the Piscataqua River Turning Basin, as specified in the request dated March 26, 2014. The Capital Budget Overview Committee approved the original request (CAP 06-015) on May 31, 2006, with subsequent action (CAP 13-016) approved March 5, 2013. MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 228:12-a USE OF TOLL CREDITS:

CAP 14-012 Department of Transportation – Patrick McKenna, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Transportation presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator Rausch, seconded by Representative Graham, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Transportation, Bureau of Materials and Research, to use \$17,198 of Turnpike Toll Credit, based on the \$85,990 Department's share of costs associated with the project to meet funding match requirements for; a Joint Funding Agreement with the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) to investigate sources of nitrates in wells near blasting sites, subject to the conditions as specified in the request dated February 28, 2014. MOTION ADOPTED.

CAP 14-018 Department of Transportation – Patrick McKenna, Deputy Commissioner, and Patrick Herlihy, Director of Aeronautics, Rail and Transit, Department of Transportation presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Representative Benn, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Transportation, Bureau of Rail and Transit, to use up to \$1,337,751 of Turnpike Toll Credit, based on total amended project costs not to exceed \$5,364,848 in federal funds to meet funding match requirements for Boston Express Bus service along the FE Everett Turnpike and I-93 corridors between Manchester and Boston through June 30, 2017, subject to the conditions as specified in the request dated March 31, 2014. MOTION ADOPTED. (8-Yes, 1-No)

The Committee requested a Toll Credits Burn Rate report from the Department for the next meeting, and that it also be submitted to the Chairs of the; Capital Budget, Division II of Finance, Public Works and Highways, and the Transportation Committees.

CHAPTER 195:1, V, B, LAWS OF 2013, RENOVATION OF CTE CENTER-SALEM-STATE SHARE:

CAP 14-021 Department of Education – On a motion by Senator Boutin, seconded by Representative Cloutier, that the Committee table the request of the Department of Education for approval of the Salem CTE action plan in order to spend, obligate, and encumber \$10,775,000 of Capital Budget funding designated as the "Renovation of CTE Center-Salem-State Share", as specified in the request dated April 3, 2014. MOTION ADOPTED.

The item was tabled as no one from the Department was present to speak to the item.

CHAPTER 143, LAWS OF 2013, BUDGET LAW 04-96-96-90515-3005-0300:

CAP 14-020 Department of Transportation – Patrick McKenna, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Transportation, presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Representative Weyler, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Transportation, Bureau of Mechanical Services, to amend the Department's Equipment Acquisition Plan for Fiscal Year 2014 by increasing the FY 2014 plan amount by \$205,000, from \$2,500,000 to \$2,705,000 and adding the purchase of light fleet vehicles for the best use of available funding, as specified in the request dated March 25, 2014. The Capital Budget Overview Committee approved the original request (CAP 13-040) on September 24, 2013. MOTION ADOPTED.

OLD BUSINESS:

CAP 14-010 Additional information New Hampshire Hospital – request, dated April 14, 2014, to withdraw CAP 14-010 New Hampshire Hospital request to utilize a portion of the funds appropriated for Fire Protection Sprinklers be used for the following additional Fire Protection purpose, at a sum not to exceed \$57,000, to install new and modified fire protection sprinklers within the new Admitting Treatment Center in the Acute Psychiatric Services building, tabled March 4, 2014.

On a motion by Representative Weyler, seconded by Representative Eaton, that the item be removed from the table. MOTION ADOPTED.

On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Representative Weyler, that the Committee deny the request of the New Hampshire Hospital to utilize a portion of the funds appropriated for Fire Protection Sprinklers be used for the following additional Fire Protection purpose, at a sum not to exceed \$57,000, to install new and modified fire protection sprinklers within the new Admitting Treatment Center in the Acute Psychiatric Services building, as specified in the request dated February 20, 2014. MOTION ADOPTED.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

CAP 14-016 Department of Information Technology – Chapter 195:42, IV, Laws of 2013 – Peter Hastings, Commissioner, and Theresa Pare-Curtis, Director, Web Support Division, Department of Information Technology presented a status update to the Business One Stop Quarterly Status Report, April 2014.

CAP 14-017 Department of Corrections – Chapter 195:1, IV, Laws of 2013 – Michael Connor, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Administrative Services, and William McGonagle, Assistant Commissioner, Department of Corrections presented a status update and a handout regarding the Women’s Prison Quarterly Report, March 31, 2014. Ted Kupper, Administrator for Clerks, and Tim Smith, Project Manager, were also present.

On a motion Representative Eaton, seconded by Senator Stiles, acceptance of the report only, not approval of the content within the report submitted by the Department of Corrections. MOTION ADOPTED.

The informational items were accepted and placed on file.

CHAPTER 195:1, V, B, LAWS OF 2013, RENOVATION OF CTE CENTER-SALEM-STATE SHARE:

CAP 14-021 Department of Education – Regina Fiske, Division of Career Tech and Adult Learning, Department of Education, was present to respond to questions of the Committee.


On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Senator Stiles, that the item be removed from the table. MOTION ADOPTED.

On a motion by Senator Stiles, seconded by Representative Eaton, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Education for approval of the Salem CTE action plan in order to spend, obligate, and encumber \$10,775,000 of Capital Budget funding designated as the “Renovation of CTE Center-Salem-State Share”, as specified in the request dated April 3, 2014. MOTION ADOPTED.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT:

The next regular meeting of the Capital Budget Overview Committee was set for Tuesday, May 13, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.

On a motion by Representative Cloutier, seconded by Senator Stiles, that the meeting adjourn. (Whereupon the meeting adjourned at 3:33 p.m.)

  
Representative John Cloutier, Clerk