

CAPITAL BUDGET OVERVIEW COMMITTEE

MINUTES

September 8, 2010

The Capital Budget Overview Committee met on Wednesday, September 8, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 201 of the Legislative Office Building.

The following members were in attendance:

Representative Candace Bouchard, Chairman
Representative John Cloutier, Clerk
Representative Daniel Eaton
Representative John Graham
Representative Douglas Scamman
Senator Lou D'Allesandro
Senate President Sylvia Larsen

Chairman Bouchard called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Representative Graham, seconded by Representative Eaton, that the minutes of the June 8, 2010 meeting be accepted as written. MOTION ADOPTED.

OLD BUSINESS:

Michael Connor, Director, Plant and Property Management, Department of Administrative Services, gave a status update regarding the Harriet Huntress House in the Hugh Galen State Complex and the plans to go out to bid to mothball the facility for the winter due to an impasse with Historical Resources in their effort to save the building.

NEW BUSINESS:

CHAPTER 143, LAWS OF 2009, BUDGET FOOTNOTE 04-96-96-960515-3005-030:

CAP 10-041 Department of Transportation – Michael Pillsbury, Deputy Commissioner and Leonard Russell, Administrator, Bureau of Finance and Contracts, Department of Transportation presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee. Will Campbell, Assistant Administrator, Mechanical Services, Department of Transportation was also present.

On a motion by Representative Cloutier, seconded by Senator D'Allesandro, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Transportation for an Amendment to the Equipment Acquisition Plan for the 2010-2011 Biennium, as specified in the request dated August 24, 2010 (CAP 09-030 originally approved September 29, 2009). MOTION ADOPTED.

CHAPTER 351:5, LAWS OF 1991, AMENDED BY 260:20, 1992, 204:1, 1994, 15:1, 2000, 292:10, 2000, 240:27, 2003 AND 2:4, 2004:

CAP 10-038 Pease Development Authority, Division of Ports and Harbors – Geno Marconi, Director, Division of Ports and Harbors, presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Senator D'Allesandro, that the Committee approve the request of the Pease Development Authority, Division of Ports and Harbors, to expend an additional \$800,000 from the Pier Expansion Fund, contingent on the award of \$11,200,000 in funding from the federal Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER II) program for the purpose of rehabilitating and expanding the Market Street Marine Terminal, as specified in the request dated August 24, 2010. The \$800,000 will be combined with \$2,000,000 originally approved September 29, 2009 (CAP 09-034), for a total expenditure of \$2,800,000 if the TIGER II grant is awarded. MOTION ADOPTED.

The Committee requested an updated Master Plan for the Division of Ports and Harbors to review what projects have been accomplished and what is yet to go forward. It was also requested that the Division provide a copy of the updated Master Plan to the House Public Works and Highways Committee and plan to attend the Committee's January meeting.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

CAP 10-037 Community College System of New Hampshire – Chapter 145, Laws of 2009 and Chapter 177:93, Laws of 2005 – Quarterly report (Item A) on capital projects for the period ending June 30, 2010 and a report (Item B) on the progress of the transfer of operation from Stratham to Pease. Richard Gustafson, Chancellor, and Shannon Reid, Administrator, Community College System of New Hampshire responded to questions of the Committee.

CAP 09-039 Department of Administrative Services – Administrative Services Public Works Design and Construction Capital Budget Projects Quarterly Report June 2010. Michael Connor, Director, Plant and Property Management, Department of Administrative Services responded to questions of the Committee.

The Committee requested a list and status of Capital projects that received American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds.

CAP 10-036 Department of Transportation – Chapter 551, Laws of 1981 – Capital Budget Projects – 60 Day Report for period ending June 30, 2010. Michael Pillsbury, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Transportation responded to questions of the Committee.

The Committee requested that the Department include an index and page numbers on the Capital Budget Projects – 60 Day Report.

The informational items were accepted and placed on file.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT:

The next regular meeting of the Capital Budget Overview Committee was set for Tuesday, October 12, 2010, at 10:00 a.m. (Whereupon the meeting adjourned)

Representative John Cloutier, Clerk