

CAPITAL BUDGET OVERVIEW COMMITTEE
MINUTES

November 20, 2013

The Capital Budget Overview Committee met on Wednesday, November 20, 2013 at 1:00 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 Sylvia Larsen
Senator Nancy Stiles

Representative Campbell called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Representative Weyler, that the amended minutes of the September 24, 2013 meeting and the minutes of the October 22, 2014 meeting be accepted as written. MOTION ADOPTED.

OLD BUSINESS:

On a motion by Senator Stiles, seconded by Representative Weyler, that CAP 13-042 Additional Information Department of Transportation – Letter of support from the City of Portsmouth, dated October 22, 2013, as requested by the Committee as part of the conditional approval granted October 22, 2013 for the use of Turnpike Toll Credit for the NH 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 (CAP 13-042), be accepted and placed on file. MOTION ADOPTED.

CAP 13-046 Department of Administrative Services – Michael Connor, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Administrative Services, and Dr. Robert McLeod, CEO, New Hampshire Hospital, Department of Health and Human Services, presented the Modification to the FY 2014-2015 Capital Budget Schedule as requested by the Capital Budget Overview Committee October 22, 2014 and responded to questions.

On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Senator Larsen, that the Committee approve the modification submitted by the Department of Administrative Services to the FY 2014-2015 Capital Budget Schedule, dated October 25, 2013, for the Psychiatric Crisis Beds project at the Acute Psychiatric Facility as requested by the Committee at the October 22, 2013 meeting (CAP 13-043). MOTION ADOPTED.

NEW BUSINESS:

RSA 228:12-a USE OF TOLL CREDITS:

CAP 13-048 Department of Transportation – Alan Rawson, Administrator, Bureau of Materials and Research, Department of Transportation, presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Weyler, seconded by Representative Eaton, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Transportation to use up to \$64,600 of Turnpike Toll Credit, based on estimated cost of \$323,000 Federal Highway funds to meet funding match requirements for; three proposed contracts with the University of New Hampshire (UNH) and one proposed contract with the U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center's Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory (CRREL), to conduct research related to highways and bridges, subject to the conditions as specified in the request dated October 17, 2013. MOTION ADOPTED.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

CAP 13-047 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 to the Women's Prison Quarterly Report, dated November 1, 2013, and responded to questions of the Committee.

CAP 13-049 New Hampshire Rail Transit Authority – RSA 238-A:12-a – Thomas Mahon, Chairman, New Hampshire Rail and Transit Authority Board, presented a status update to the Semiannual activity report of the NH Rail Transit Authority, dated November 5, 2013, and responded to questions of the Committee. Michael Pillsbury, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Transportation was also present to respond to questions of the Committee.

The Committee requested that the New Hampshire Rail and Transit Authority Board return in February to present a further update.

CAP 13-050 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 Report, dated October 2013, and responded to questions of the Committee.


The informational items were accepted and placed on file.

MISCELLANEOUS:

DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT:

The next regular meeting of the Capital Budget Overview Committee was set for Tuesday, January 14, 2014 at 11:00 a.m.

On a motion by Representative Graham, seconded by Senator Stiles, that the meeting adjourn. (Whereupon the meeting adjourned at 1:42 p.m.)



Representative John Cloutier, Clerk