

FISCAL COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL COURT
MINUTES
March 8, 2019

The Fiscal Committee of the General Court met on Friday, March 8, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 210-211 of the Legislative Office Building.

Members in attendance were as follows:

Representative Mary Jane Wallner, Chairman
Representative Ken Weyler
Representative Susan Ford
Representative Lynne Ober
Representative Peter Leishman
Representative Patricia Lovejoy (Alternate)
Senator Lou D'Allesandro
Senate President Donna Soucy
Senator Dan Feltes
Senator Cindy Rosenwald
Senator Chuck Morse

Chairman Wallner opened the meeting at 10:04 a.m.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Senator D'Allesandro, seconded by Representative Weyler, that the minutes of the February 8, 2019 meeting be accepted as written. MOTION ADOPTED.

NEW BUSINESS:

RSA 9:16-a, TRANSFERS AUTHORIZED:

CONSENT CALENDAR

On a motion by Representative Leishman, seconded by Representative Weyler, that the Committee approve the requests under this section as submitted. MOTION ADOPTED. [FIS 19-056 Department of Business and Economic Affairs – authorization through June 30, 2019 to; 1) transfer \$267,637 in general funds and 2) create a new expenditure class for Class 046 Consultants, and FIS 19-057 Department of Transportation – authorization to transfer \$135,000 in turnpike funds through June 30, 2019]

RSA 14:30-a, VI FISCAL COMMITTEE APPROVAL REQUIRED FOR ACCEPTANCE AND EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS OVER \$100,000 FROM ANY NON-STATE SOURCE:

CONSENT CALENDAR

On a motion by Representative Ober, seconded by Senator D'Allesandro, that the Committee approve the requests under this section as submitted. MOTION ADOPTED. [FIS 19-058 Department of Administrative Services – authorization to budget and expend \$192,440 in prior year carry forward other funds through June 30, 2019, FIS 19-059 Department of Education – authorization to accept and expend \$1,600,000 in other funds through June 30, 2019, FIS 19-060 Department of Justice – authorization to accept and expend \$137,616 in federal funds through June 30, 2019, FIS 19-061 Department of Justice – authorization to accept and expend \$249,752 in federal funds through June 30, 2019, and FIS 19-062 Department of Safety – authorization to accept and expend \$281,121 and \$237,900, for a total amount of \$519,021 in other funds through June 30, 2019]

RSA 14:30-a, VI FISCAL COMMITTEE APPROVAL REQUIRED FOR ACCEPTANCE AND EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS OVER \$100,000 FROM ANY NON-STATE SOURCE AND RSA 124:15 POSITIONS AUTHORIZED:

CONSENT CALENDAR

On a motion by Representative Ober, seconded by Senator Rosenwald, that the Committee approve the request under this section as submitted. MOTION ADOPTED. [FIS 19-063 Department of Safety – authorization through June 30, 2019 to; 1) create one (1) temporary Program Assistant II (LG 15) position subject to approval of Request #2, and 2) accept and expend \$2,702,940 in federal funds]

RSA 106-H:9, I.(e) FUNDING; FUND ESTABLISHED:

FIS 19-064 Department of Safety – On a motion by Senator D'Allesandro, seconded by Representative Leishman, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Safety to accept and expend \$96,000 in other funds through June 30, 2019. MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 228:12 TRANSFERS FROM HIGHWAY SURPLUS ACCOUNT:

FIS 19-065 Department of Transportation – The Department submitted a replacement request, FIS 19-065 Replacement, requesting to transfer \$4,646,400 in highway funds through June 30, 2019 which was distributed prior to the meeting.

On a motion by Representative Ford, seconded by Representative Ober, that the Committee approve the replacement request of the Department of Transportation to transfer \$4,646,400 in highway funds through June 30, 2019. The vote was delayed allowing all Members to be present.

RSA 227-G:5, I.(b) FOREST FUNDS:

FIS 19-069 Department of Natural and Cultural Resources – On a motion by Senator D'Allesandro, seconded by Senator Rosenwald, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources to budget and expend \$82,500 in other funds through June 30, 2019. MOTION ADOPTED.

LATE INFORMATIONAL ITEM:

Late Informational Item, FIS 19-071 NH Business Finance Authority – was distributed to the Committee prior to the meeting. James Key Wallace, Executive Director, NH Business Finance Authority presented a Status report, pursuant to RSA 162-T:5, pertaining to the Regenerative Workforce Development Program.

At the request of the Committee, informational item FIS 19-071 will be held for future discussion with the State Treasurer and NH Business Finance Authority regarding the program plan being developed.

RSA 228:12 TRANSFERS FROM HIGHWAY SURPLUS ACCOUNT (continued):

FIS 19-065 Replacement Department of Transportation – Victoria Sheehan, Commissioner, and Marie Mullen, Director of Finance, Department of Transportation responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator Morse, seconded by Senator Feltes, that the Committee approve the replacement request of the Department of Transportation to transfer \$4,646,400 in highway funds through June 30, 2019. MOTION ADOPTED.

AUDITS:

State of New Hampshire, Lottery Commission, Management Letter For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2018 – Stephen Smith, Director of Audits, and James LaRiviere, Senior Audit Manager, Audit Division, Office of Legislative Budget Assistant, presented the report and responded to questions of the Committee. Lynda Plante, Deputy Director, and James Duris, Chief Financial Officer, New Hampshire Lottery Commission were also present to respond to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Weyler, seconded by Representative Ober, that the report be accepted, placed on file, and released in the usual manner. MOTION ADOPTED.

State of New Hampshire, Internal Control Review, Reimbursements And Other Non-Wage Payments To Employees, March 2019 – Stephen Smith, Director of Audits, and Kimberly Bisson, Audit Manager, Audit Division, Office of Legislative Budget Assistant, presented the report and responded to questions of the Committee. Charles Arlinghaus, Commissioner, and Dana Call, State Comptroller, Department of Administrative Services were also present to respond to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Weyler, seconded by Representative Ober, that the report be accepted, placed on file, and released in the usual manner. MOTION ADOPTED.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT:

The next regular meeting of the Fiscal Committee was previously scheduled for Friday, April 12, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. and will be scheduled on the second Friday of each month thereafter. (Whereupon the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.)



Representative Ken Weyler, Clerk