

FISCAL COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL COURT  
MINUTES  
May 10, 2019

The Fiscal Committee of the General Court met on Friday, May 10, 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 Patricia Lovejoy (Alternate)  
Representative David Huot (Alternate)  
Representative Erin Hennessey (Alternate)  
Senate President Donna Soucy  
Senator Dan Feltes  
Senator Lou D'Allesandro  
Senator Cindy Rosenwald  
Senator James Gray (Alternate)

Chairman Wallner opened the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Senator D'Allesandro, seconded by Representative Ober, that the minutes of the April 12, 2019 meeting be accepted as written. MOTION ADOPTED.

OLD BUSINESS:

FIS 19-071 NH Business Finance Authority – pursuant to RSA 162-T:5, Informational status report pertaining to the Regenerative Workforce Development Program. Held for future discussion 03/08/19. No Action Taken.

NEW BUSINESS:

RSA 9:16-a, TRANSFERS AUTHORIZED:

CONSENT CALENDAR

At the request of Representative Ober, FIS 19-113 Department of Business and Economic Affairs was removed from the Consent Calendar.

On a motion by Senator D'Allesandro, seconded by Senator Soucy, that the Committee approve the remaining request under this section as submitted. MOTION ADOPTED. [FIS 19-

105 Department of Safety – authorization through June 30, 2019 to; 1) transfer \$5,420 in general/turnpike/highway funds and 2) transfer \$3,700 in general/highway funds and establish a new expenditure class code]

FIS 19-113 Department of Business and Economic Affairs – On a motion by Representative Ober, seconded by Representative Ford, that the Committee table request the Department of Business and Economic Affairs for authorization through June 30, 2019 to; 1) transfer \$26,600 in general funds and 2) create a new expenditure class for Class 048, as the Department was not present to respond to questions. MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 9:16-c, I, TRANSFER OF FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS:  
CONSENT CALENDAR

FIS 19-097 Department of Environmental Services – On a motion by Senator D’Allesandro, seconded by Representative Ober, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Environmental Services to transfer \$105,500 in federal funds through June 30, 2019. MOTION ADOPTED.

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

At the request of Senators D’Allesandro and Rosenwald respectively, FIS 19-106 Department of Environmental Services and FIS 19-107 Department of Health and Human Services were removed from the Consent Calendar.

On a motion by Senator D’Allesandro, seconded by Representative Lovejoy, that the Committee approve the remaining request under this section as submitted. MOTION ADOPTED. [FIS 19-108 Department of Transportation – authorization to accept and expend \$500,000 in federal funds through June 30, 2019]

FIS 19-106 Department of Environmental Services – Susan Carlson, Chief Operations Officer, Department of Environmental Services responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator D’Allesandro, seconded by Representative Ford, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Environmental Services to budget and expend \$150,000 in other prior year carry forward funds through June 30, 2019. MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 19-107 Department of Health and Human Services – Kerrin Rounds, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Health and Human Services presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator Feltes, seconded by Senator D'Allesandro, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services to accept and expend \$6,500,000 in additional federal funds through June 30, 2019. MOTION ADOPTED.

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 9:16-a, TRANSFERS AUTHORIZED:

CONSENT CALENDAR

At the request of Representative Lovejoy, FIS 19-114 Department of Health and Human Services was removed from the Consent Calendar.

On a motion by Senator Soucy, seconded by Representative Ober, that the Committee approve the remaining requests under this section as submitted. MOTION ADOPTED. [FIS 19-098 Department of Health and Human Services – authorization through June 30, 2019 to; 1) accept and expend \$1,500,000 in other funds, and 2) transfer \$1,500,000 in general funds, and FIS 19-115 Department of Health and Human Services – authorization through June 30, 2019 to; 1) accept and expend \$1,066,254 in additional federal funds, and 2) contingent upon approval of Request #1, transfer \$1,065,189 in general funds, and 3) contingent upon approval of Requests #1 and #2, authorization to transfer \$2,049,353 in general funds]

FIS 19-114 Department of Health and Human Services – Kerrin Rounds, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Health and Human Services responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Ober, seconded by Senator Rosenwald, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services to transfer \$1,501,247 in general funds between various class lines, increase federal revenues in the amount of \$781,380, decrease related other revenues in the amount of \$8,438, and create new expenditure class codes through June 30, 2019. MOTION ADOPTED.

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 21-I:30-c RESERVE FUND:

FIS 19-109 Department of Administrative Services – On a motion by Representative Ober, seconded by Representative Ford, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Administrative Services to reduce the Active Trooper Health Benefit Statutory Reserve from 100% of estimated annual claims and administrative expenses to 75% of estimated annual claims and administrative expenses thereby releasing \$913,000 to be made available for fluctuations in plan costs that occur on a monthly basis. MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 126-A:75 EXCESS APPROPRIATION ALLOCATION ACCOUNT:

FIS 19-099 Department of Health and Human Services – Kerrin Rounds, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Health and Human Services, and Michael Zellem, Budget Director, Office of The Governor, presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion Senator D’Allesandro, seconded by Representative Ober, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services to accept \$15,832,456 in additional federal funds through June 30, 2019. MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 198:15-y, III, PUBLIC SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE FUND:

FIS 19-118 Office of The Governor – a request (FIS 19-118 Withdrawn by Agency), dated May 10, 2019, was submitted to the Committee prior to the meeting to withdraw item FIS 19-118 seeking approval through June 30, 2019 to; 1) repurpose funds already authorized for expenditures from the Public School Infrastructure Fund in the amount of \$1,070,666 in general funds, and 2) contingent upon the availability of funds remaining from closed projects previously approved, request approval to repurpose funds already authorized for expenditures from the Public School Infrastructure Fund in the amount of \$688,429 in general funds. WITHDRAWN BY AGENCY.

RSA 206:33-b, TRANSFERS FROM FISH AND GAME FUND:

FIS 19-116 New Hampshire Fish and Game Department – On a motion by Senator D’Allesandro, seconded by Senator Feltes, that the Committee approve the request of the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department to transfer \$85,000 from the NH Fish and Game Fund Reserve to the Fish and Game FY 2019 Operating Budget through June 30, 2019. MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 215-A:23, IX. AND RSA 215-C:39, X. REGISTRATION FEES:

FIS 19-100 New Hampshire Fish and Game Department – On a motion by Representative Ober, seconded by Senator Rosenwald, that the Committee approve the request of the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department to transfer \$900,000 of unexpended funds from Excess Registration Fees to the Fish and Game OHRV Fiscal Year 2019 Operating Budget through June 30, 2019. MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 216-A:3-g, FEES FOR PARK SYSTEM:

FIS 19-117 Department of Natural and Cultural Resources – On a motion by Representative Ober, seconded by Representative Ford, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources for approval of; 1) rate changes to the primary summer 2019 and winter 2019/20 products at Franconia Notch State Park and Cannon

Mountain Aerial Tramway and Ski Area, and 2) further approval of the 2019/20 Cannon Mountain Winter Special Use Policy. MOTION ADOPTED.

CHAPTER 163:9, LAWS OF 2018, DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES;  
TRANSFER AUTHORITY; CONSOLIDATION OF HUMAN RESOURCES AND PAYROLL  
FUNCTIONS:

FIS 19-110 Department of Administrative Services – On a motion by Representative Ober, seconded by Senator Rosenwald, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Administrative Services to transfer \$444,200 in other/general funds through June 30, 2019. MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 9:16-a, TRANSFERS AUTHORIZED (continued):  
CONSENT CALENDAR

FIS 19-113 Department of Business and Economic Affairs – On a motion by Senator Soucy, seconded by Representative Ober, that the request be removed from the table. MOTION ADOPTED.

Taylor Caswell, Commissioner, Department of Business and Economic Affairs responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Ober, seconded by Senator D’Allesandro, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Business and Economic Affairs for authorization through June 30, 2019 to; 1) transfer \$26,600 in general funds and 2) create a new expenditure class for Class 048. MOTION ADOPTED.

LATE ITEM:

FIS 19-119 Judicial Council – On a motion by Senator D’Allesandro, seconded by Senator Soucy, that the Committee approve the request of the Judicial Council through June 30, 2019 to; receive an additional appropriation from general funds not otherwise appropriated in the amount of \$130,000 and to transfer \$130,000 in general funds. MOTION ADOPTED.

INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS:

FIS 19-102 New Hampshire Fish and Game Department – RSA 206:42 – Glenn Normandeau, Executive Director, New Hampshire Fish and Game Department, responded to questions of the Committee regarding the Search and Rescue Quarterly Report of Expenditures for the period October 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018. Kathy LaBonte, Business Administrator, New Hampshire Fish and Game Department was also present to respond to Committee questions.

The Committee requested the Department break down the Search and Rescue fund report to detail revenue and expenditures by source, such as the Hike Safety Card, hunting/fishing licenses, etcetera.

The informational items were accepted and placed on file.

AUDITS:

On a motion by Representative Weyler, seconded by Senator Feltes, that the; State of New Hampshire, Fish and Game Fund, Management Letter, For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2018, State of New Hampshire, Liquor Commission, Management Letter, For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2018, and State of New Hampshire, Department of Environmental Services, Wetlands Bureau Permitting, Performance Audit Report, May 2019 audit reports be accepted, placed on file, and released in the usual manner. MOTION ADOPTED.


State of New Hampshire, Fish and Game Fund, Management Letter, For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2018 – Stephen Smith, Director of Audits, and Collin Quinn, Audit Manager, Audit Division, Office of Legislative Budget Assistant presented the report and responded to questions of the Committee. Glenn Normandeau, Executive Director, and Kathy LaBonte, Business Administrator, New Hampshire Fish and Game Department, were also present to respond to questions of the Committee.

State of New Hampshire, Liquor Commission, Management Letter, For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2018 – Stephen Smith, Director of Audits, and Jean Mitchell, Senior Audit Manager, Audit Division, Office of Legislative Budget Assistant presented the report and responded to questions of the Committee. Joseph Mollica, Chairman, and Tina Demers, Chief Financial Officer, New Hampshire Liquor Commission, were also present to respond to questions of the Committee.

State of New Hampshire, Department of Environmental Services, Wetlands Bureau Permitting, Performance Audit Report, May 2019 – Stephen Smith, Director of Audits, and Steve Grady, Senior Audit Manager, Audit Division, Office of Legislative Budget Assistant presented the report and responded to questions of the Committee. Robert Scott, Commissioner, Department of Environmental Services, and George Kimball, Chair of the New Hampshire Wetlands Council, were also present to respond to questions of the Committee.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT:

The next regular meeting of the Fiscal Committee was previously scheduled for Friday, June 14, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. (Whereupon the meeting adjourned at 11:46 a.m.)

  
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Representative Ken Weyler, Clerk