

FISCAL COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL COURT
MINUTES
July 10, 2013

The Fiscal Committee of the General Court met on Wednesday, July 10, 2013 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, Clerk
Representative Cindy Rosenwald
Representative Daniel Eaton
Representative Bernard Benn (Alternate)
Senator Chuck Morse
Senator Bob Odell
Senator Jeanie Forrester
Senator Sylvia Larsen
Senate President Peter Bragdon (Alternate)

Chairman Wallner opened the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Senator Morse, that the minutes of the June 7, 2013 meeting be accepted as written. MOTION ADOPTED.

OLD BUSINESS:

FIS 12-359 McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center – request for approval of the business plan for the operation of the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center. Tabled 12/21/12. No Action Taken.

FIS 13-040 Public Utilities Commission – On a motion by Representative Rosenwald, seconded by Representative Benn, that the item be removed from the table. MOTION ADOPTED.

The Public Utilities Commission submitted a request (FIS 13-040 Additional Information) to withdraw the request (FIS 13-040) to accept and expend \$2,663,089.

On a motion by Senator Larsen, seconded by Representative Eaton, that the Committee accept the agency's request to withdraw item FIS 13-040. MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 13-081 Letter from Representative Lucy McVitty Weber, Chairman of the Legislative Performance Audit and Oversight Committee relative to the recommendation of the performance audit topics for 5) Police Standards and Training Council, The Council in Performance of its Charter. Tabled 03/08/13. No Action Taken.

NEW BUSINESS:

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 Eaton, seconded by Senator Morse, that the Committee approve the requests under this section as submitted. MOTION ADOPTED. [FIS 13-132 Department of Safety – authorization to retroactively amend FIS 12-294, approved September 14, 2012, by extending the end date from June 30, 2013 to September 30, 2013, with no increase in funding, FIS 13-134 Department of Safety – authorization to retroactively amend FIS 13-052, approved March 8, 2013, by extending the end date from June 30, 2013 to September 30, 2013, with no increase in funding, FIS 13-140 Department of Environmental Services – authorization to retroactively amend FIS 12-113, approved April 13, 2012, by extending the end date from June 30, 2013 to June 30, 2014, with no increase in funding, FIS 13-157 Department of Safety – authorization to retroactively amend FIS 12-345, approved November 8, 2012, and subsequently amended on April 13, 2012 (FIS 12-116), by extending the end date from June 30, 2013 to September 30, 2013, with no increase in funding, FIS 13-163 Department of Agriculture, Markets & Food – authorization to retroactively budget and expend \$156,342 in carry forward federal funds from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2015, FIS 13-165 Adjutant General's Department – accept and expend \$585,000, FIS 13-166 Department of Environmental Services – authorization to retroactively amend FIS 11-297, approved October 28, 2011, by extending the end date from September 30, 2012 to September 30, 2013, with no increase in funding, and FIS 13-167 Department of Resources and Economic Development – authorization to retroactively amend FIS 11-222, approved September 23, 2011, and subsequently amended on September 14, 2012 (FIS 12-299), by extending the end date from June 30, 2013 to December 31, 2013 and further authorization to budget and expend \$84,772 in carry forward federal grant funds in FY 2014]

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 POSTIONS RESTRICTED:

CONSENT CALENDAR

On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Representative Benn, that the Committee approve the request under this section as submitted. MOTION ADOPTED. [FIS 13-135 Department of Safety – authorization to retroactively amend FIS 12-329, approved November 8, 2012, by extending the end date from June 30, 2013 to September 30, 2013, with no increase in funding and further authorization to retroactively amend FIS 12-329, approved November 8, 2012, by extending the end date of a consultant position from June 30, 2013 to September 30, 2013]

RSA 124:15 POSITIONS RESTRICTED:

CONSENT CALENDAR

On a motion by Representative Rosenwald, seconded by Representative Benn, that the Committee approve the request under this section as submitted. [FIS 13-164 Board of Pharmacy – authorization to establish a temporary part-time Administrator I, Labor Grade 27, position through June 30, 2014]

CHAPTER 144:164-166, LAWS OF 2013, LEGISLATIVE EMPLOYEES:

FIS 13-168 Office of Legislative Budget Assistant – On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Senator Larsen that the Committee approve the request of the Office of Legislative Budget Assistant to grant salary increases to the employees of the Office of Legislative Budget Assistant. MOTION ADOPTED.

INFORMATIONAL LATE ITEM:

The Department of Revenue Administration submitted a late informational item (FIS 13-169) reporting the amount of tobacco tax revenue received for the period of July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2013.

INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS:

The informational items were accepted and placed on file.

AUDITS:

State of New Hampshire, Department of Revenue Administration, Collection of Delinquent Taxes, Performance Audit Report, July 2013 – Richard Mahoney, Director of Audits, and Jay Henry, Senior Audit Manager, Audit Division, Office of Legislative Budget Assistant presented the report and responded to questions of the Committee. John Beardmore, Commissioner, and Phil Lawrence, Director of Collections, Department of Revenue Administration, were also present to respond to questions of the Committee.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

The next regular meeting of the Fiscal Committee will be Friday, September 13, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. (Whereupon the meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.)



Representative Ken Weyler, Clerk