

**Senate Executive Departments and Administration
Committee**
Cameron Lapine 271-2104

HB 283, proclaiming April 11, 2021 as Wentworth Cheswill Day.

Hearing Date: April 14, 2021

Time Opened: 11:10 a.m. **Time Closed:** 11:17 a.m.

Members of the Committee Present: Senators Carson, Reagan, Ricciardi, Cavanaugh and Prentiss

Members of the Committee Absent: None

Bill Analysis: This bill proclaims April 11, 2022 as Wentworth Cheswill Day.

Sponsors:

Rep. DiLorenzo	Rep. Mangipudi	Rep. Read
Rep. Cahill	Rep. Cushing	Rep. Petrigno
Rep. Harriott-Gathright	Rep. B. Griffin	Rep. Gay
Sen. Perkins Kwoka		

Who supports the bill: Representative Michael Cahill (Rockingham – District 17), Representative Dianne Schuett (Merrimack – District 20), Representative Charlotte DiLorenzo (Rockingham – District 17), Stephanie Chantre, Representative Alexis Simpson (Rockingham – District 36), Patricia Anastasia, Representative Roger Dontonville (Grafton – District 10), Representative Latha Mangipudi (Hillsborough – District 35), Representative Jan Schmidt (Hillsborough – District 28), Representative Heidi Hamer (Hillsborough – District 17), Representative Donald Bouchard (Hillsborough – 11), Representative Wendy Chase (Strafford – District 18), Representative Joan Hamblet (Rockingham – District 31), Representative Mary Hakken-Phillips (Grafton – District 12), and Senator Rebecca Perkins Kwoka (District 21).

Who opposes the bill: None.

Who is neutral on the bill: Eric Pauer.

Summary of testimony presented in support:

Representative Dianne Schuett

Merrimack – District 20

- Representative Schuett said that Wentworth Cheswill was a valued member of the town of Newmarket. He was a Revolutionary War veteran, served the town in elected office, and donated the building that became the town library.

- Rep. Schuett said that House Executive Departments and Administration supported recognizing Cheswill but not putting the day into statute. Instead, Rep. Schuett worked on an amendment to create a one-day celebration for the 275th anniversary of his birth. While the Committee voted on HB 283 in February, the House did not meet until April, slowing the process of the bill.
- Rep. Schuett said that the town of Newmarket is working on a monument to Cheswill. She also said that WMUR did a recent story on him.
- Rep. Schuett said that House Executive Departments and Administration felt that the town and Governor recognizing his birth would garner more attention than an RSA citation.

Representative Charlotte DiLorenzo

Rockingham – District 17

- Representative DiLorenzo echoed the comments of Representative Schuett and thanked the Committee for hearing HB 283.

Representative Michael Cahill

Rockingham – District 17

- Representative Cahill said that he has lived in Newmarket for many years but had never stopped to read a historic marker about Cheswill in the town cemetery.
- Rep. Cahill said he first became aware of Cheswill from former Representative Chris Roberts from Keene.

Summary of testimony presented in opposition: None.

Neutral Information Presented: None.

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Date Hearing Report completed: April 16, 2021