

NH Government Finance Officers Association  
Friday, October 13, 2022  
9:00 AM – NHMA, Concord, NH (VIA ZOOM)

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<u>Members Present:</u>	Tom Boland; Geoff Ruggles; Mark Decoteau; Naomi Bolton; Vicki Lee; Carrie Klebe; Tammy Penny; Tammy St. Gelais; Jill McNeil.
<u>Members Unable to Attend:</u>	Justin Campo; Katherine Heck; Tina Waterman
<u>Others Present:</u>	None
<u>Call to Order:</u>	Tom Boland called the meeting to order at 9:04 AM
<u>Secretary's Report:</u>	The April 5, 2022 and June 29, 2022 minutes reviewed. Geoff Ruggles moved, Carrie Klebe seconded to approve the April 5, 2022 and June 29, 2022 minutes as amended, approved unanimously.
<u>Treasurer's Report:</u>	Mark Decoteau reviewed the treasurer's information. Currently the balance is pretty healthy and there was discussion as to maybe giving more back to the participants in 2023, which would allow more people to attend the annual conference. We need to keep a minimum of \$40,000 for good and services. The budget was touched upon and needs to be voted on at the next meeting. Mark will distribute the 2022/2023 budget for discussion. Naomi Bolton moved, Geoff Ruggles seconded to approve the treasurer's report through August 22, 2022 as presented. Unanimous vote in favor.

Committee Reports:

- *Legislative Report:* Nothing to report as Katherine Heck was absent. But she did provide the committee with a bulletin dated July 26, 2022 regarding SB 401 and HB 1221. SB 401 has to do with the onetime distribution of money for roads and bridges. HB 1221 has to do with the one-time 7.5% of the NH Retirement Costs.
- *Training Committee:* Tammy St. Gelais reported that they have not had a meeting yet. The annual meeting is planned for May 4-5, 2023 at the Grappone Center in Concord, NH. She asked if there were any session ideas to let her know.
- *Certificate Program:* Jill McNeil reported that the schedule has been done for next year. Her budget will add \$7,000 to the account. She thought that maybe to reduce some of the money we have is to possibly reduce the cost of the program, which costs \$300. Maybe a better suggestion might be to pay for the conference. Four people have registered already for next year. The Excel class of the program has been a hassle to schedule, so she has talked to Stephen Buckley from NHMA who has offered to do a mini version of a local municipal workshop.
- *Membership Committee:* Jill McNeil reported currently we have 316 regular members and 49 associate members and 126 New England members. Last year we had 369 regular members and 61 associate members. Reminder notices will be going out as well as putting it on the website.
- *Purchasing Committee:* Nothing to report as Tina Waterman was absent.
- *Website/Consortium Advisory Committee:* Justin Campo was absent. It appears that the issues are all resolved. We are back up. The email for the bill went to the wrong address. Chairman Boland will reach out to Justin to see if there is anything more needs to be done.

- *Audit:* Mark Decoteau, Treasurer is still working with Jill McNeil on this.
- *NESGFOA:* Tammy St. Gelais reported that they brought in \$182,000 in sponsorship. There was one complaint who indicated that they would not sponsor again, they felt they would rather have vendor booths. The following are the upcoming New England conferences: New England Spring Conference, Waltham, MA – April 27-28, 2023 and the New England Fall Conference – Rockport, ME – 910-9-13, 2023.
- *NHPDIP Advisory Committee:* Committee will invite Michele Bogardus from the City of Manchester to our next meeting.

**Old Business:**

- *2022-2023 Budget:* The committee felt this was previously discussed during the treasurer report and a plan was set forth to give back to the membership.

**New Business:**

- *GAP Updates:* Tammy St. Gelais reported that the GAP Update will take place on February 17, 2023 at HealthTrust.
- *Delayed Tax Rate Setting:* Members of the committee asked about the delayed tax rate setting. It had been rumored that DRA was waiting to set rates due to a court case going on. Mark Decoteau indicated that he had heard it happened in Grafton County and he will forward the newspaper article to all.
- *Default House Bill:* It was mentioned that this house bill is planning on returning again in 2023. All committee members will be looking for it. It can have large implications on SB2 towns, but worth looking over when it gets back on the table. Naomi Bolton will share an email that she sent to the Senators prior to the last vote.

Vicki Lee moved, Naomi Bolton seconded to adjourn meeting at 9:42 AM, unanimous vote in favor.

**The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be November 3, 2022 @ 9 AM via Zoom**

Respectfully submitted,

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