

NH Government Finance Officers Association

Executive Committee Meeting

Thursday, April 5, 2018

9:00 a.m. NHMA, Concord, NH

Members Present: Michael Jache, Doreen Chester, Geoff Ruggles, Judi Milner, Katie Graff, Betsy McClain (by phone, Brenda Vittner

Members Unable to Attend: Mark Decoteau, Tom Boland

Others Present: Jill McNeil, NHMBB, Barbara Reid, NHMA

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 9:00 am.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from March 8, 2018 were presented for approval. Judi Milner made the motion to approve the minutes as presented, Geoff Ruggles seconded, vote all in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Mark Decoteau sent the March Treasurer's report to the Executive Board members for review. Geoff Ruggles made the motion to approve the report as presented, Judi Milner seconded, vote all in favor.

Committee Reports:

Legislative Committee –

1. Barbara Reid discussed the huge price tag related to the House Bill to change the interest rate on delinquent taxes from current rates to 6%. The bill is currently in the Senate Ways & Means committee with a vote expected next week. The Tax Collector's Association has a huge issue with the software language currently in the bill.
2. HB 1756, known as the Retirement Bill has a COLA component of 1 ½% increase with a \$73 million price tag. Part of the bill that is temporarily suspended if the one-time \$500 payment with a price tag of \$10 million; the criteria is for receipt of retirement wages less than \$30k and retirement of 5 years or more
3. HB 561 –Retirees returning in a PT position; House passed bill last year, Senate passed and the bill is going back to the House. The substance of the bill is a retiree can work up to 1,300 hours per year, up to 1,600 hours would require to by 5% into NHRS, with a 3% payment from the municipality to NHRS; there would be a 28-day waiting period after date of retirement.

Training Committee - Jill McNeil updated the Board for the May 2018 Conference in No. Conway; as of this date, there are 141 registrations confirmed; the hotel is included in the Registration Form. The give-away will be Yeti Cups for this year.

NH Public Finance Consortium – No update

Website Advisory Committee – No update.

Membership Committee – Katie Graff and Doreen Chester indicated that the membership letter would be tweaked and will be sent to Jill McNeil for distribution.

Audit Committee – Jill McNeil indicated that there was additional information needed.

NE States GFOA – No Update

NH PDIP Advisory Committee – Michael Jache updated the Board on the PDIP Board changes; Lyn Gelinis is stepping down and Keith Pike will be her replacement.

Purchasing Committee – No Update.

New Business:

1. Quarterly Session with PFM; a Whitebirch Platform planning tool, suggested to invite to the next Board meeting to demonstrate the tool; how projections related to the local and regional economy can affect municipality.
2. Slate of Officers – the Board recommended the Slate of Officers, Subcommittee Chairs and Vice Chairs, and NHGFOA Representatives to be voted at the Annual Meeting on May 3rd, 2018.
3. 2019 Budget was amended to include \$10,000 for the Certification Program and additional funding for the Consortium. Brenda Vittner made the motion to accept the amended 2019 Budget as presented; Betsy McClain seconded the motion, vote all in favor.
4. May Conference – May 3 & 4, 2018 at the Red Jacket, No. Conway, NH.
5. Proposed By-Law Changes – The NHGFOA Board reviewed the proposed By-Law changes; Brenda Vittner made a motion to accept the changes as presented; Geoff Ruggles seconded the motion, vote all in favor. Betsy McClain will forward to the membership suggested changes for vote by the membership at the Annual Meeting.

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 3, 2018 at 9:00 am at the NHMA office in Concord, NH. Meeting adjourned at 9:32 am.

Respectfully submitted;

Brenda L. Vittner

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Approved: May 3, 2018 at NHGFOA Annual Meeting