

NH Government Finance Officers Association
Tuesday, January 5, 2021
9:00 AM – NHMA, Concord, NH (VIA ZOOM)

<u>Members Present:</u>	Geoff Ruggles; Carrie Klebe; Tom Boland; Vicki Lee; Jill McNeil; Naomi Bolton; Tammy St. Gelais; Becky Benvenuti; Justin Campo; and Katie Graff. Naomi Bolton kept the minutes.
<u>Members Unable to Attend:</u>	Mark Decoteau
<u>Others Present:</u>	none
<u>Call to Order:</u>	Geoff Ruggles called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM
<u>Secretary's Report:</u>	Tom Boland moved, Vicki Lee seconded to approve the December 1, 2020 minutes as written. Unanimous vote in favor.
<u>Treasurer's Report:</u>	Mark Decoteau was unavailable. He reported that all bills are up to date and will get a report out as soon as possible.

Committee Reports:

- *Legislative Report:* Geoff Ruggles stated that we still don't have a Legislative Committee. He will get out an email to see if there is interest from the membership. Becky Benvenuti will continue to keep the group up to date and take our feedback regarding bills. There are currently 850 LSR's still active and 138 withdrawn. The Senate is grouping together bills for more efficiency. There will still be some stand-alone bills. A public hearing is expected at the end of January or early February. The House will amend the rules to allow them to go virtual. NH Retirement System bill to get the State to contribute to the employer contribution in the amount of 15% for the teacher, fire and police groups. State aid bills are being filled. February 15th is when the Governor's budget is due out. Becky reported that there are a lot of unknowns at this point.
- *Training Committee:* Tammy St. Gelais reported that they haven't met yet. With the current situation, they are unsure about how to proceed. This is the time of year that they generally reach out to sponsors for the 2021 Annual Conference. Jill McNeil reported that only three of the sponsors have pulled out. Tammy reported that the NESGFOA's Spring Conference are looking at virtual options. We could possibly look at that as well as postponement until later in 2021, like the end of September or October. They will contact the hotel for options and will find out what other groups are doing for trainings/conferences. The Tax Collector's Conference is tentatively set for October 12-15. Jill will do more research on this. The GAAP update is scheduled for February 19th. Attendees will have access to recording and handouts but they will need a moderator to do it virtually. Geoff offered to help and moderate. The group discussed payments for registrations and decided at no charge.
- *Certificate Program:* Jill McNeil reported that they finished this year and haven't started planning for 2021 – possibly virtual. They are right now just putting thought into next year moving forward.
- *Membership Committee:* Jill reported that there are 347 members. Within the total members there are 59 Associate members and 153 New England members.
- *Purchasing Committee:* Nothing to report.
- *Website Advisory Committee:* Nothing new to report. Tammy asked if she or Jill could help Betsy out. They would need to be given administrative authority in order to do that, but it could certainly help.

- *Audit:* Tammy reported that she has heard from Greg and asked if he could come to the office, but currently it is closed to the public. So they will be working on that. Jill McNeil stated that she is in need of all the minutes for September 2019 thru August 2020.
- *Consortium:* Nothing to report.
- *NESGFOA:* The spring conference is going to be held virtually. The next meeting is planning on being held on January 14, 2021.
- *NHPDIP Advisory Committee:* Nothing to report.

Old Business:

- *Legislative Committee:* This was discussed earlier in the Committee Reports. Geoff stated he will get out an email to see if there is interest in the membership to volunteer.

New Business:

- *Wage and Benefits Survey:* Justin Campo asked if our organization might help collect all the wage and benefit information and help NHMA. The NHMA had stopped doing it at one time. Becky Benvenuti stated that the NHMA wage and salary information is up and running on the NHMA website. There was a suggestion to put a links on our GFOA website to both NHMA and PELRB.

Tom Boland moved; Vicki Lee seconded to adjourn meeting at 9:40 AM, unanimous vote in favor.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be held February 2, 2021, 9 AM via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

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