# STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

## **Executive Council**

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**TO:** All Fourth District Cities and Towns **FROM:** Executive Councilor Christopher C. Pappas **DATE:** January 28, 2015

The Governor and Executive Council met on Wednesday, January 28, 2015, in the Executive Council Chamber at the State House, Concord, NH and considered an agenda of approximately 67 items.

The next scheduled Governor and Executive Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 11, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in the Executive Council Chamber at the State House Concord, NH.

The Executive Council convened today at 12 pm at the State House. Here's an overview of the Council meeting, focusing on issues with both statewide and District 4 significance:

#### **Nominations**

The Governor nominated Dennis Adams of Deerfield, Leo Kelly of Goffstown, and Ron Ludwig of Manchester to the Compensation Appeals Board; Patrick Robinson of Manchester to the Enhanced 911 Commission; Shari Landry of Loudon to the Judicial Council; and Douglas Goumas of Bedford to the Worker's Compensation Advisory Council.

#### **Confirmations**

The Council confirmed Robert Duval of Manchester to the Air Resources Council; Jeff Duval of Manchester to the Appellate Board; Catherine Hackett of Manchester to the Human Rights Commission; Bobby Broneske of Londonderry to the Veterans Council; and Robert Beaurivage of Auburn to the Water Council.

#### Resignations

The Council accepted the resignation of Jayne Spaulding of Bedford from the Public Water Access Advisory Board.

#### **New Director of Charitable Trusts**

The attorney general appointed Tom Donovan of Manchester to serve as the new Director of Charitable Trusts at the Department of Justice, an appointment approved by the Council.

#### Route 106 Safety Project in Loudon

The Council approved a \$1.16 million contract to make safety improvements to the Route 106/Staniels Road intersection in Loudon. The project will be completed in September, 2015.

### Route 3 Safety Project in Pembroke

The Council approved a \$1.17 million contract to make safety improvements in Pembroke at the intersection of Route 3 and Pembroke Hill Road. The project will be completed in October, 2015.

## **National Guard Facility in Hooksett**

At my request, the Council tabled an item that would have approved the purchase of 19.66 acres of land in Hooksett for the purpose of constructing a new NH National Guard field maintenance shop. The price of the land, across Route 3 from Cinemagic, is \$732,000. The facility proposed will consolidate smaller, outmoded facilities in Manchester and Hillsborough and will be paid for with federal funds. I believe it's critical for local officials to learn more about the project before the land is purchased, and placing the item on the table will provide some time for those important discussions.

## **Department of Safety Marine Patrol Headquarters**

The Council approved an \$8 million construction management contract with Harvey Construction to build a new Marine Patrol headquarters on Lake Winnipesaukee in Gilford. The facility will be completed in the spring of 2016.

### **Fairpoint Contract and Public Forums**

The Council approved a contract with Fairpoint Communications to provide telephone and data communication services for state government. The contract was held for a month while the Council examined the service levels of both the state and private customers in the wake of the ongoing labor dispute. Because of the concerns, a public forum will be held in each Executive Council district so that consumers can be heard and have a chance to ask questions of company representatives in attendance. The date and time of these meetings will be set in the next few weeks.

Today's complete agenda is available <u>here</u>, along with the minutes and audio recording. The next G&C meeting will be held Wednesday, February 11, at 10 am. Stay tuned for future updates, and please don't hesitate to contact me with your thoughts or concerns.

Allenstown, Auburn, Barrington, Bedford, Bow, Candia, Chichester, Deerfield, Epsom, Goffstown, Hooksett, Lee, Londonderry, Loudon, Northwood, Nottingham, Pembroke, Pittsfield and the City of Manchester