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TO: All Fourth District Cities and Towns
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The Governor and Executive Council met on Wednesday, December 3, 2014, in the Executive Council Chamber at the State House, Concord, NH and considered an agenda of approximately 91 items.

The next scheduled Governor and Executive Council Meeting will be held on **Tuesday**, December 23, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. in the Executive Council Chamber at the State House Concord, NH.

The Executive Council convened this morning at 10 am 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 Dick Anagnost of Bedford to the Business Finance Authority; Dave Gelinis of Manchester to the Lottery Commission; Sarah Browning of Manchester to the Commission for Human Rights; Joseph Griffin of Goffstown to the Board of Home Inspectors; Nick Soggu of Bedford to the Pre-Engineering Technology Advisory Council; and Rachel Whitaker to the Site Evaluation Committee.

Confirmations

The Council confirmed Victoria Cimino as Director of Travel and Tourism; Dorothy Graham of Manchester to the Executive Branch Ethics Commission; Kathleen Carr of Chichester as Director of Administration at the Department of Justice; William Clutterbuck of Bedford and Arthur Yan of Auburn to the Board of Registration of Medical Technicians; Renee Perreault of Deerfield and Gregory Stephens of Manchester to the Volunteer NH Board of Directors; Roger Hawk and Patricia Weathersby to the Site Evaluation Committee.

Compensation for Officer Doherty

The Council approved a payment in the amount of \$125,000 to Officer Dan Doherty for internal injuries sustained in the line of duty in Manchester in 2012.

CAP Agency Funds

The Council approved \$4 million in federal Community Block Grant funds for Community Action Program agencies around the state, including \$1.9 million for Southern NH Services.

Office of the Governor

With funding from the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, the Council approved the creation of a new position in the Governor's Office, a senior behavioral health coordinator. The position will work with the Commission on Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention and stakeholders in the public and private sector to coordinate the state's efforts on substance abuse.

I-93 Final Design

The Council approved an amended contract with Parsons Brinckerhoff to finish the design of the I-93 expansion. The firm is doing the engineering work for the stretch from Windham to Manchester.

Rail Study Update

The Council extended the contract with URS Corporation to finalize the capitol corridor passenger rail study. The report will be released later in December of this year and the study will come in \$1.2 million under budget.

Welcome Center Study

The Council approved a \$262,000 contract to study the state's sixteen welcome information centers, including the one on Route 4 in Epsom. Many of these centers have been closed for years, and the study will look at the feasibility of either reopening or removing them. The contract runs through November, 2015.

Pleasant Lake Watershed Project

The Council approved a \$50,000 grant for the Southern NH Planning Commission to complete the Pleasant Lake Watershed Restoration Plan. The project will evaluate pollutants in the watershed, covering parts of Deerfield and Northwood, and develop ways to restore water quality.

Proposed Docks in Manchester

The Council tabled an item that would implement a restrictive covenant to conserve land and protect a bald eagle habitat on the property of the Pointe at Riverfront condominiums in Manchester. The covenant would also permit docks to give resident's access to the Merrimack River. The item may come up for a vote at the next meeting of the Governor and Council.

Lottery Commission Contract

A \$4.2 million contract renewal with Griffin, York and Krause of Manchester was approved. The firm will continue to handle advertising and marketing efforts for the Lottery Commission.

The meeting's complete agenda is available [here](#), along with the minutes and audio recording. The next G&C meeting will be held Tuesday, December 23, at 10 am. Stay tuned for future updates, and please don't hesitate to contact me with your thoughts or concerns.