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Executive Council

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TO: All District Three Constituents
FROM: Executive Councilor Janet Stevens

DATE: March 24, 2021

The Executive Council met on Wednesday, March 24, 2021, to review and vote on 107 warrant/agenda items and to approve Civil Commissions, Nominations and Confirmations, as well as Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services Nominations, Confirmations and Appointments. Additionally, 10 Informational Items, funded by the Federal Coronavirus Relief Fund, were presented.

ATTORNEY GENERAL: On March 18, 2021 - I was honored to chair the nomination hearing for District 3 constituent, **John Formella of Portsmouth**, to serve as the 32nd Attorney General for New Hampshire. At today's Executive Council meeting, Mr. Formella was confirmed to serve as Attorney General and head of the New Hampshire Department of Justice by a 4-1 vote.

CIRCUIT COURT JUSTICES: On March 3, 2021 - The Executive Council held Circuit Court Justice nomination hearings for Attorney Patrick W. Ryan of Swanzey and Ellen M. Joseph of Merrimack. At today's Executive Council meeting Attorney Ryan and Attorney Joseph were approved by a 5-0 vote.

CANCER SCREENINGS FOR WOMEN: Agenda Item 14 - District 3/Greater Seacoast area provider of cervical and breast cancer screenings does not have an extended completion date, which three vendors on the contract were afforded. Unless another provider is secured, these services will expire on June 30, 2021. Breast cancer rates on the Seacoast are significantly higher than both national and New Hampshire levels. Cervical cancer can be prevented through screenings (NH level is similar to national rate - NH Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan 2015-'20). I am working to resolve this issue.

The full agenda for the March 24, 2021 meeting, can be accessed here [Agenda](#)

Approved Items: 1-10, 12-39, 41-56, 58, 60-96, 99-107

Tabled Items: 40, 57, 59

Withdrawn Items: #11

Denied Items: #97, 98

Items removed from table & approved: #24 (Department of Transportation - tabled G&C meeting 3/3/21)
#54 (Department of Education - tabled G&C meeting 3/3/21)

Please see highlighted items relevant to District 3

MOP 150, I, B (2): Approval of Acceptances **DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**

#A. Authorized to accept a non monetary donation from **JC Voyage LLC, Newfields, NH**, of 4000 LY100 3-ply medical masks with a total value of \$4,000 for use by residents at the NH Correctional Facility for Women, Concord, NH.

MOP 150, I, B 4 Nominations, Confirmations and Appointments

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS AND VETERANS SERVICES

#E. Authorized the nomination of **Brigadier General Laurie M. Farris, Exeter, NH**, for promotion to the rank of Major General, NH Air National Guard. This officer meets all prerequisites for this grade, having been found to be physically, mentally, morally, and professionally qualified.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

#I. Authorized the nomination and appointment of **Ellen M. Arcieri of Exeter** to serve as the Commander of the Attorney General's Drug Task Force, at a salary of \$80,186.08, LG BB, Step 7. Effective upon G&C approval or April 9, 2021, whichever is later, for a term ending July 1, 2024.

MOP 150, I, B (5): Other Items

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, MARKETS & FOOD

#A. Authorized the State Conservation Committee to amend the grant agreement with the **Rockingham County Conservation District** (originally approved by G&C on 5-20-20, **item #27**), for the *Coastal Restoration Planning at Odiorne Point State Park* modifying the completion date from April 30, 2022 to April 30, 2023. **100% Other Funds – State Conservation Committee.**

#B. Authorized the State Conservation Committee to amend the grant agreement with **Rockingham County Conservation District** (originally approved by G&C on 3-13-19, item #40), for the *TNC Grassland and Pollinator Habitat Enhancement Project* modifying the grant completion date from April 30, 2021 to April 30, 2022. **100% Other Funds – State Conservation Committee.**

REGULAR AGENDA

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

#10 Authorized to enter into **retroactive sole source** agreements; Intergovernmental Transfer Agreements, with each of the counties as detailed in letter dated February 16, 2021. **Rockingham County state share of Medicaid is \$19,623,861.00** These agreements provide public funds totaling \$121,923,933 to enable the State of NH to compliantly draw federal financial participation consistent with federal requirements and Chapter 167 Section 167:18-a. These funds are used to help refinance the costs associated with Nursing Home Per Diem and Choices For Independence Waiver Payments pursuant to RSA 166:1-a, Reimbursement of Funds by the County and RSA 167:18-a, County Reimbursement Funds. Effective January 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, with an unlimited number of renewal options thereafter.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

#23 Authorized the Bureau of Bridge Design to enter into an agreement with **Greenman-Pedersen Inc., Portsmouth, NH**, for on-call engineering for various bridge projects located throughout the State, for a total amount not to exceed \$1,000,000. Effective upon G&C approval through December 29, 2023.

#27 Authorized the Bureau of Environment to enter into an agreement with **Preservation Company, Kensington, NH**, for on-call architectural history services for various projects and facilities located throughout the State, in the amount of \$200,000. Effective upon G&C approval through March 31, 2025.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY

#35 Authorized, under the Community Development Block Grant program, to award a grant to the **Town of Newmarket, NH**, in the amount of \$500,000 to support the waterline replacement project on New Road, Newmarket, NH. Effective March 24, 2021 through June 30, 2023. **100% Federal Funds.**

#37 Authorized, under the Community Development Block Grant program, to award a grant to the **Town of Salem, NH**, in the amount of \$150,000 to support the electrical system improvements project at the Friendship Drive Cooperative situated at Friendship Drive, Salem, NH. Effective March 24, 2021 through June 30, 2023. **100% Federal Funds.**

#41 Authorized to amend the **sole source** contract agreement with Southern NH Services Inc., Manchester, NH (originally approved by G&C on 9-23-20, item #44), for the Fuel Assistance Program (FAP), by increasing the amount by \$4,280,984 from \$11,313,780 to \$15,594,764. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2021. **100% Federal Funds. Southern NH Services, services Rockingham County, is one of five Community Action Agencies responsible for providing FAP**

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

#73 Authorized the State Council on the Arts to award a Youth arts Project grant to **Arts in Reach, Portsmouth, NH**,

in the amount of \$7,500 to support an after school interdisciplinary arts program for adolescent girls in Rockingham and Strafford counties. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2021. **100% Federal Funds.**

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

#80 Authorize a loan agreement with The Hampstead Area Water Company Inc., Atkinson, NH, in the amount not to exceed \$1,204,815 to finance water system improvements. Effective upon G&C approval. 100% Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund.

NEW HAMPSHIRE FISH AND GAME DEPARTMENT (Tabled at G&C Meeting 1/22/21)

#81 **TABLED** - The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Wheeler, seconded by Councilor Warmington voted to **table** the request to enter into a contract with Precision Cut Pruning, Newmarket, NH, to provide pruning services at Henry Laramie WMA and Glenn’s Cove WMA, in the amount of \$15,000. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2023. **75% Federal, 25% Wildlife Habitat conservation funds.**

**DISTRICT 3 PROJECTS (2017-2021) DRINKING WATER & GROUNDWATER TRUST FUND
DRINKING WATER INFRASTRUCTURE (SPECIAL PROJECTS) & SOURCE WATER PROTECTION**

The Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund administers funding for three major funding categories – Infrastructure needs, water protection and Department of Environmental Services Initiatives (see Aquarion). Funding in the form of grant and/or loan funds are typically awarded for infrastructure and source water protection. Please contact me on funding resources, deadlines, and criteria for consideration.

[NH DWG Trust Fund](#)

**TABLE 1A
DRINKING WATER AND GROUNDWATER TRUST FUND
Drinking Water Infrastructure Project Status
As of March 1, 2021**

AWARD YEAR ⁽¹⁾	APPLICANT	PROJECT LOCATION	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	G&C APPROVAL DATE	GRANT AMOUNT	LOAN AMOUNT	PROJECT STATUS
2021 – Special Project	Aquarion Water Company	Hampton	PFAS Treatment Mill Road Well Field	Anticipated May 2021	\$428,250	-	Agreement in progress.
2020	Rock Rimmon Cooperative	Danville	Pump House and Water Main Improvements	Anticipated April 2021	\$250,000	-	Agreement in progress.
2020 – Special Project	Plaistow, Town of	Plaistow	Southern NH Regional Water Interconnection Project	June 2020	\$5,835,300	-	Agreement in progress.
2019 – Special Project	Hampstead Area Water Company (HAWC)	--	Southern NH Regional Water Interconnection Project CIAC Tax	March 2021	-	\$1,204,815	Agreement approved by G&C.
2019 – Special Project	Hampstead Area Water Company (HAWC)	Atkinson	Treatment Conversion, New Pumping Station & Main Street PRV Improvements	September 2019	\$3,783,750	-	Construction in progress.
2019 – Special Project	Derry, Town of	Derry	Southern NH Regional Water Interconnection Project	June 2019	\$6,701,858	-	Construction in progress.
2019 – Special Project	Salem, Town of	Salem	Southern NH Regional Water Interconnection Project	June 2019	\$12,200,000	-	Construction in progress.

2019	Montrose Condominium Association, Inc.	Stratham	Water System Upgrades	March 2021	-	\$300,000	Agreement and design in progress.
2019	Rye Water District	Rye	Wallis Road Water Main Replacement	November 2020	-	\$315,000	Design in progress.
2019	Rye Water District	Rye	Garland Road Pump Station Rehab	November 2020	-	\$800,000	Construction to start Spring 2021.
2019	Epping Water & Sewer Commission	Epping	New Water Treatment Plant and MtBE Water Main Extension	May 2020	\$780,000	-	Construction in progress.
2018	Newmarket Water Works	Newmarket	Macintosh & Tucker Well Treatment	June 2019	\$1,857,000	\$3,900,000	Construction in progress.
2018	Hampstead Area Water Company (HAWC)	Atkinson	Atkinson Storage Tank	May 2019	\$1,130,000	\$1,020,000	Project complete.
2017	Portsmouth, City of	Portsmouth	Breakfast Hill Water Extension evaluation	March 2018	\$200,000	-	Project complete.

Note:

1. Award year refers to the year the Drinking Water and Groundwater Advisory Commission approved the funding for the project as an Annual Round application unless noted as a Special Project.

TABLE 1B
DRINKING WATER AND GROUNDWATER TRUST FUND Source Water
 Protection Project Status
 As of March 1, 2021

AWARD YEAR ^[1]	APPLICANT	PROJECT NAME	PROJECT LOCATION	WATER SYSTEM(S) & SOURCES PROTECTED	SOURCE WATER PROTECTION LAND ^[2] (acres)	G&C APPROVAL DATE	GRANT AMOUNT	PROJECT STATUS
2018	Portsmouth, City of	Chick Property	Greenland	Portsmouth Water Works WHPA	3	Anticipated 2021	\$90,000	Agreement in progress.
2018	Windham, Town of	Clyde Pond	Windham	Windham High School WHPA	25	Anticipated 2021	\$26,450	Agreement in progress.
2018	Southeast Land Trust	Lamprey River - Epping	Epping	UNH-Durham (Lamprey River)	163	March 2019	\$271,787	In progress.
2018	Southeast Land Trust	Governor's Run - Epping	Epping	Town of Epping WHPA	18	1204815	\$200,000	Project complete.

Notes:

1. Award year refers to the year the Drinking Water and Groundwater Advisory Commission approved the funding for the project.

2. The protected land is the protected acreage funded through the Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund grant award.

CONFIRMATIONS

Assistant Commissioner, Department of Environmental Services
Assistant Director of Homeland Security and Emergency Management
Associate Medical Examiner, Department of Justice
Arizona

Attorney General, Department of Justice

Director, Division of Procurement & Support Service, Dept of Administrative Services

Director, Division of Plant and Property, Department of Administrative Services

Compensation Appeals Board

Wolfeboro

Physical Therapy Governing Board

New Hampshire Retirement System, Board of Trustees

NOMINATIONS

Advisory Council on Worker's Compensation

Board of Accountancy

Board of Home Inspectors

Board of Nursing

Occupational Therapy Governing Board

New Hampshire Motor Vehicle Industry Board

Justices, Superior Court

Per Diem Justice, Circuit Court

Volunteer New Hampshire Board of Directors

Dennis R. Deziel, Boston MA

Grant M. Nichols, Dover

Derek S. Bumgarner, Phoenix

John M. Formella, Portsmouth

Gary S. Lunetta, Hampton

Karen L. Rantamaki, Bow

Arthur J. Beaudry, Manchester

Brent T. Lemire, Litchfield

Mary Ann Ashcroft, Derry

Constance J. Roy-Morneau,

Jennifer A. Rosene, Gilford

Kenneth Merrifield, Franklin

Marian Mitchell, Hooksett

Charles R. Powell, Warner

Gregory D. Davis, Newmarket

Joseph M. Griffin, Goffstown

Matthew Kitsis, Bow

Traci Johnson, Nashua

Donald R. Brabant, Portsmouth

Patricia G. Conway, Salem

Bradley M. Lown, Portsmouth

Colby R. Chaput, Concord

Connor Jennings, Manchester

Gregory S. Stephens, Manchester