



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Executive Council

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

DATE: April 21, 2021

The Executive Council met on Wednesday, April 21, 2021 to review and vote on 106 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, 25 Informational Items, Pursuant to RSA 21-P:43, RSA 4:45, RSA 4:47 and Executive Order 2020-04 as extended by Executive Orders 2020-05, 2020-08, 2020-09, 2020-10, 2020-14, 2020-15, 2020-16, 2020-17, 2020-18, 2020-20, 2020-21, 2020-23, 2020-24, and 2020-25 were included on the agenda.

Following the Executive Council meeting on April 21, 2021, the Executive Council held a confirmation hearing for a Judicial Branch nominee to serve on the New Hampshire Circuit Court and a nominee to serve on the Public Utilities Commission. The Circuit Court nominee, Attorney Beth Kissinger of Hopkinton, NH, current Staff Attorney for the Circuit Court and Daniel Goldner, of Manchester, spoke before the Executive Council and were questioned by members of the Executive Council. Testimony - both for and against the nominees - was provided in person and via telephone. The nomination of Attorney Kissinger to serve on the Circuit Court was supported by the Judicial Selection Commission. The Executive Council will vote on the nominees at the next meeting of the Council on Wednesday, May 5, 2021.

#4 MOP 150, I, B (4): Nominations, Confirmations and Appointments **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

#E. Authorized the Bureau of Right of Way's request to revise the **Commission for the hearing on the proposed reconstruction of the intersection of NH Route 108, Amesbury Road and Maple Avenue in Newton.** On April 7, 2021, item #4E, the G&C authorized a hearing, and the appointment of a Commission of three persons. The membership of the suggested committee has since changed to include Councilor Janet L. Stevens, in place of Christopher Cross at the Councilor's request.

#4F Authorized the Bureau of Right of Way's Request to revise the Special Committee for the hearing on a proposal to reconstruct and widen NH Route 125 to a three lane section to improve safety and access control along the corridor. The proposal includes realignments of Kingston Road, Happy Hollow Road and Colonial Road. On September 23, 2020, the G&C authorized a hearing and the appointments of a special committee. **The membership of the suggested committee has since changed to include Councilor Janet L. Stevens, in place of Councilor Theodore Gatsas, who has resigned from the committee.**

#5 MOP 150, I, B (5): Other Items **DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

#D. Authorized to amend a contract with the **Rockingham Planning Commission, Exeter, NH (originally approved by G&C on 1-8-20, item #39), for the "Coastal Resilience: North Hampton and Little Boars Head Coastal Hazards and Adaptation Mater Plan Chapters"** project by extending the completion date to June 30, 2022 from June 30, 2021, and revising the scope of work to include additional reporting deliverables. Effective upon G&C approval. No Cost. 100% Federal Funds.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

#20 Authorized the Bureau of Right of Way to pay property and business owners \$59,250 as documented in the Contemplated Awards List for amounts greater than \$5,000 for the period extending from March 17, 2021 through April 7, 2021. Derry/Londonderry I-93 Exit 4A New Interchange. Accurate Chassis Solutions, LLC compensated for moving expenses - business owner (\$6,750). Replacement housing payment (Housing of Last Resort-Owner) Charles and Linda Carter (\$52,000) Effective upon G&C approval.

#28 Authorized the Bureau of Highway Maintenance, Well Section, to enter into a contract with Wragg Bros., of Vermont, Inc., Ascutney, VT, for the decommissioning of three wells in the Towns of Chester, Hopkinton and Weare, NH, in the amount of \$12,780. Effective upon G&C approval through May 20, 2022. 100% Highway Funds.

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS AND VETERANS SERVICES

#38 Authorized to exercise the first renewal option in an existing contract with AC Electric Corp., Auburn, ME (originally approved by G&C on 6-24-20, item #89), to provide transformer preventative maintenance services at the Pease Air National Guard Facility in Newington, NH, in the amount of \$56,369. Effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. 25% General, 75% Federal Funds.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, MARKETS & FOOD

#46 Authorized the State Conservation Committee to enter into a grant with Seabrook-Hamptons Estuary Alliance, Hampton, NH, in the amount of \$21,900 for Hampton –Seabrook Estuary Management Plan project in the Town of Hampton, Rockingham County. Effective upon G&C approval through April 30, 2023. 100% Other Funds.

#50 Authorized the State Conservation Committee to enter into a grant with Southeast Land Trust of NH, Exeter, NH, in the amount of \$20,000 for Leighton Forest project in the Towns of Barrington and Strafford, Strafford County. Effective upon G&C approval through April 30, 2023. 100% Other Funds.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

#67 Authorized to award a grant to the Rock Rimmon Cooperative Inc., Danville, NH, in the amount not to exceed \$250,000 for water system improvements. Effective upon G&C approval through December 1, 2022. 100% Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund. (2)Further authorize a loan agreement with the Rock Rimmon Cooperative Inc., Danville, NH, in the amount not to exceed \$452,500 to finance water system improvements. Effective upon G&C approval. 100% Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund Repayment Funds.

#68 Authorized to enter into grant agreements with the entities, as detailed in a letter dated March 17, 2021, totaling \$27,750, to fund exotic aquatic plant control activities. Powwow Pond in Kingston (\$3,000), Beaver Lake and Meadows in Derry (\$5974). Note: These grant awards, while less than \$10,000 threshold, require Governor and Council approval as the entities have already received funds in excess of the threshold for the fiscal year. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2021.

#73 Authorize to award a Local Source Water Protection grant to the Town of Epping, in the amount of \$15,000 to complete a project to protect public drinking water supplies. Effective upon G&C approval through May 31, 2022. 100% Federal Funds.

#76 Authorized to enter into an agreement with the Rockingham Planning Commission, Exeter, NH, to

complete the Update Exeter-Squamscott River Corridor Management Plan project, in the amount of \$7,340. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2022. 100% Federal Funds.

#79 Authorized to enter into a grant agreement with Two Devine Lobster Company LLC, Hampton Falls, NH, totaling \$38,000 for partial funding of a commercial fishing boat marine engine replacement. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2021. 45% Federal, 55% VW Settlement Funds.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

#80 Authorized to enter into a sole source agreement with the Rockingham County Conservation District, Brentwood, NH, to control invasive plants within Odiorne Point State Park in Rye, NH, in the amount of \$50,000. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2022. 100% Federal Funds.

#81 Authorized to enter into a sole source agreement with the University of NH, Sponsored Programs Administration, Durham, NH, to provide planning technical assistance to coastal communities, in the amount of \$12,500. The New Hampshire Coastal Program (NHCP) annual program budget includes local technical planning assistance funds for the UNHCE/NHSG programs, the Seabrook Hampton Estuaries Alliance (SHEA), and the two Regional Planning Agencies - Rockingham Planning Commission. Effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. 100% Federal Funds.

#83 Authorized Ridgewood Association's request to perform work on Great Pond in Kingston.

TABLED ITEM#'s 93

WITHDRAWN ITEMS#'s 104, 105

ITEM REMOVED FROM THE TABLE AND APPROVED-#57 (Public Utilities Commission –tabled at G&C meeting 3/24/21& 4/7/21)

ITEM REMOVED FROM THE TABLE AND DENIED-#81 (Fish and Game Commission –tabled at G&C meeting 1/22/21)

ITEM REMOVED FROM THE TABLE AND FAILED-#40 (Office of Strategic Initiative –tabled at G&C meeting 3/24/21 & 4/7/2021)

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

#D. Pursuant to RSA 4:45, RSA 21-P:43, and Section 4 of Executive Order 2020-04 as extended by Executive Orders 2020-05, 2020-08, 2020-09, 2020-10, 2020-14, 2020-15, 2020-16, 2020-17, 2020-18, 2020-20, 2020-21, 2020-23, 2020-24, 2020-25, 2021-01, 2021-02, and 2021-04, Governor Sununu has authorized the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Commissioner, to enter into a Retroactive, Sole Source lease agreement with Mall at Rockingham, LLC, Salem, NH, in the amount of \$192,903, to secure an indoor location for a State Vaccination Site as part of the State's COVID-19 vaccination strategy, effective March 12, 2021 through December 31, 2021. 100% Other Funds (FEMA Public Assistance).

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

#T. Pursuant to RSA 4:45, RSA 21-P:43, and Section 4 of Executive Order 2020-04 as extended by Executive Orders 2020-05, 2020-08, 2020-09, 2020-10, 2020-14, 2020-15, 2020-16, 2020-17, 2020-18, 2020-20, 2020-21, 2020-23, 2020-24, 2020-25, 2021-01, 2021-02, 2021-04 and 2021-05 and suspend the Manual of Procedures 150, V., A.,

5., requirement, Governor Sununu has authorized the Department of Transportation to accept federal funding from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to fund operations and maintenance, concessions and airport planning and development projects at the Portsmouth International Airport at Pease and the Skyhaven Airport. Federal participation in the amount of \$2,455,647.00 through September 30, 2025. 100% Federal Funds (FAA).

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

#X. Pursuant to RSA 21-P:43, RSA 4:45, RSA 4:47 and Executive Order 2020-04 as extended by Executive Orders 2020-05, 2020-08, 2020-09, 2020-10, 2020-14, 2020-15, 2020-16, 2020-17, 2020-18, 2020-20, 2020-21, 2020-23, 2020-24, and 2020-25, and suspend the Manual of Procedures 150, V., A., 5., requirement, Governor Sununu has authorized the Department of Administrative Services (DAS), Division of Public Works (DPW) to enter into a Sole Source contract amendment with RTH Mechanical Contractors, Inc., Brentwood, NH for work related to the Air Handling System at the NH Hospital, Concord, NH by increasing the price limitation by \$1,296,533.34, from \$2,828,320 to \$4,124,853.34. Effective upon the Governor's approval through June 30, 2021. 100% Federal Funds.

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS AND VETERANS SERVICES

Major John R. Lockard, Roslindale, MA, to the rank of Major, NH Air National Guard.
Captain Erick B. Earle, Hollis, NH, to the rank of Major, NH Air National Guard.
Major Christopher S. Cahill, Wichita, KS, to the rank of Major, NH Air National Guard.

CONFIRMATIONS

Assistant Commissioner, Department of Corrections
Board of Licensed Dietitians
Cannon Mountain Advisory Commission

Education and Training Officer, Department of Administrative Services
Nash Stream Forest Citizens Committee
Oil Fund Disbursement Board
Rivers Management Advisory Committee
Speech-Language Pathology Governing Board
Waste Management Council
Per Diem Justice, Circuit Court

William T. Conway, Concord
Courtney L. Eaton, Merrimack
Frank A. MacConnell, Newport
Terry W. Penner, Carroll
Thaddeus D. Presby, Franconia
Stephen J. Mason Jr., Gilmanton
Sally Manikian, Shelburne
Dana G. Jones, Conway
Robert M. Roseen, Stratham
Mariellen J. MacKay, Nashua
Steven D. Bullek, Madbury
Bradley M. Lown, Portsmouth

NOMINATIONS

Advisory Committee on Marine Fisheries

Associate Justices, Superior Court

Board of Licensing for Alcohol and Other Drug Use Professionals
Board of Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy
Board of Medicine
Board of Natural Scientists
Division of Ports and Harbors Advisory Council

Ellen D. Goethel, Hampton
Peter A. Whelan, Portsmouth
Daniel E. Will, Loudon
Elizabeth M. Leonard, Concord
Renee E. DePalo, Lebanon
Brandy C. Cusson, Bow
Emily R. Baker, Hanover
James H. Long, Lee
Bradley J. Cook, Portsmouth

Enhanced 911 Commission
Invasive Species Committee
Milk Sanitation Board
New Hampshire Commission for Human Rights
Passenger Tramway Safety Board

Patrick Robinson, Manchester
Andrew Mauch, Tilton
Bonnie Hurley, Colebrook
Elizabeth A. Asch, Hanover
Stanley J. Judge, Shelburne