

MINUTES
Organizational Meeting of Coalition Communities 2.0
Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.
Remote Meeting via Zoom

Per NH RSA 91-A:2, III (b) the Chair has declared COVID-19 outbreak an emergency and has waived the requirement that a quorum be physically present at the meeting pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order 2020-04, Section 8, as extended by Executive Order 2021-02, and Emergency Order #12, Section 3. Members will be participating remotely and will identify their location and any person present with them at that location. All votes will be by roll call.

Present at remote meeting: Chair Pro Tem Paul Deschaine, Newington; Secretary Pro Tem Jane Ferrini, Portsmouth; Becky Bergeron, Rye; Bonnie Moroney, Carroll; Butch Burbank, Lincoln; William Marcussen, Tuftonboro; Charlie Smith, Moultonborough; Dave McGuckin, New Castle; Dennis Pavlicek, Newbury; Donna Nashawaty, Sunapee; James Pineo, Wolfeboro; Kristi Pulliam (for Jamie Sullivan), Hampton; Joy Nowell, Newbury; Karen S. Conard, Portsmouth; Kimberly A. Hallquist, New London; Mark Decoteau, Waterville Valley; Mike Capone, Holderness; Nathan Lunney, Portsmouth SAU; Scott Dunn, Gilford; Shaun Mulholland, Lebanon; Lori Radke, Hollis. Joined during meeting: Rich James, Hebron; James Sununu (for Mike Tully), North Hampton; Terry Murphy, Bridgewater, Dorothy Veisel, New Durham; Jeffrey McMenemy. Towns not participating in meeting: Meredith, Center Harbor, Jackson, Sugar Hill.

- I. Greetings and Introduction of Members: Pro Tem Chairman Paul Deschaine opened the meeting at 9:03a.m., explaining that the meeting was a public meeting and took attendance noting only those towns who had executed the authorizations to the Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") could vote, which would exclude New London, New Durham and Franconia. The following towns were present: Rye, Carroll, Lincoln, Tuftonboro, Moultonborough, New Castle, Newbury, Sunapee, Wolfeboro, Hampton, Portsmouth, New London, Waterville Valley, Holderness, Newington, Gilford, Lebanon and Hollis. Towns not present for roll call: Hebron, North Hampton, Bridgewater, New Durham. Towns not present for meeting: Meredith, Center Harbor, Jackson, Sugar Hill.

- II. Nominations and Election of Joint Board.
Chairman Pro Tem Deschaine stated that the MOU provided that the Board would be comprised of five members, three managers/administrators and two elected officials. The floor was opened for nominations for the manager/administrator positions.

Mark Decoteau moved and Bonnie Moroney seconded a motion to nominate Shaun Mulholland to the Joint Board.

Butch Burbank moved and Mike Capone seconded a motion to nominate Mark Decoteau to the Joint Board.

Mark Decoteau moved and Joy Nowell seconded a motion to nominate Phil Warren to the Joint Board.

Butch Burbank clarified a point of order and moved and Dave McGuckin seconded a motion to close nominations for manager/administrator representatives on the Joint Board.

Members discussed whether manager/administrator nominated were a fair representation of the Coalition Communities 2.0 ("CC2") and the members agreed that they were.

Scott Dunn moved and Dave McGuckin seconded a motion to elect the slate of Shaun Mulholland, Mark Decoteau and Phil Warrant as manager/administrator representatives of the Joint Board.

The slate was elected by unanimous roll call vote with the following members voting in favor: Portsmouth, Hampton, Moultonboro, Rye, Lebanon, Gilford, Sunapee, Tuftonboro, Newington, Lincoln, Newbury, Holderness, New Castle, Carroll, Waterville Valley, and Hebron. Members absent at time of vote: Meredith, North Hampton, Center Harbor, Jackson, Bridgewater, Sugar Hill.

Pro Tem Chairman Paul Deschaine opened the nominations for the two elected officials to the Joint Board.

Prior to the nominations, Dave McGuckin listed those members who were represented by elected officials. Those members included New Castle, Carroll, Newbury, Tuftonboro, Bridgewater and Hebron.

Bonnie Moroney moved and Bill Marcussen seconded a motion to nominate Dave McGuckin to the Joint Board.

Butch Burbank moved and Donna Nashawaty seconded a motion to nominate Terry Murphy to the Joint Board.

Upon discussion on the Motion, Dave McGuckin withdrew his name. Joy Newell nominated Bonnie Moroney but she advised she was not running again so could not serve.

Bonnie Moroney moved and Dave McGuckin seconded a motion to nominate Joy Newell to the Joint Board.

Butch Burbank moved and Mark Decoteau seconded a motion to close nominations for the two elected officials on the Joint Board.

The slate of two elected officials, Terry Murphy and Joy Newell, was elected by unanimous roll call vote with the following members voting in favor: Portsmouth, Hampton, Moultonboro, Rye, Lebanon, Gilford, Sunapee, North Hampton, Tuftonboro, Newington, Lincoln, Newbury, Holderness, New Castle, Carroll, Waterville Valley, Hebron. Members absent at time of vote: Meredith, Center Harbor, Jackson, Bridgewater, Sugar Hill.

- III. Update on status of hiring lobbying firm.
Chairman Pro Tem Paul Deschaine and Secretary Pro Tem Jane Ferrini reported that the selection panel was negotiating with the top firm and were working at refining the scope of work. Dave McGuckin asked if the estimated budget of \$90,000 was in the ballpark and Chair Pro Tem Paul Deschaine said that he thought that it was.

Members expressed their support for hiring a lobbying firm as soon as possible: Karen Conard confirmed that the City of Portsmouth as fiscal agent was positioned to move forward on hiring a lobbying firm on behalf of CC2 once final selection had been made.

- IV. Discussion of Members' Assessments, Associate Members' Assessments and Administrative Costs.

Members discussed finalizing the membership and defining and charging Associate members, leaving the discussion of the cost for Associate members to the Joint Board. Chair Pro Tem Deschaine confirmed the Associate members would receive information but would not be voting members. Members discussed the need to continue outreach to some communities who are not yet members through executing the MOU while balanced the goal of maximum membership against the need of the group to define the group quickly in order to issue assessments. Notwithstanding the deadline in the MOU being March 1, 2021, the members authorized the Joint Board to extend the deadline a few weeks before finalizing membership. The members discussed spreading out payments and asked about the funds in the old account and cash flow. Secretary Pro Tem Jane Ferrini said that the MOU provides that money contributed by former members who are new members would be credited to them for their assessment, which would mean there would not be a cash flow issue upon hiring of a lobbyist. Karen Conard said she would inform the group how the assessment checks should be made out. Chair Pro Tem Paul Deschaine asked for member input regarding administrative costs being included in addition to lobbying costs, such as postage, and raised the issue of cost remuneration for the town of Newington and Portsmouth for costs incurred and the membership determined this should be discussed by the Joint Board.

V. Update on status of SWEPT bills SB 158, HB 608 and HB 504.

Secretary Pro Tem Jane Ferrini reported that HB 608 and HB 504 were retained in committee, essentially freezing action on them for one year but SB 158, the bill most like the Commission on Education's recommended education funding model, was still in Committee. The Committee discussed if the bills were in Committee over the summer if that would change the level of services required by the lobbying firm and Secretary Pro Tem Ferrini responded that it would reduce required services as compared to tracking three active bills. However, several members noted that omnibus bills must be watched and that the issue of SWEPT has been introduced and is not going away.

Voucher education bills were discussed and the members determined that those bills were beyond the scope of the purpose of the MOU because they did not address SWEPT and members cautioned each other to not go beyond CC2's focus on SWEPT and if they decided to do so, they would need to amend the MOU.

VI. Schedule next meeting of Executive Committee and meeting of Coalition Communities 2.0. The group determined that the next meeting of the CC 2 would be March 15, 2021 at 11am.

VII. Adjournment. Donna Nashawaty moved and Dave McGuckin seconded a motion to adjourn. The Organizational meeting ended at 10:21 am.

The meeting was continued for a meeting of the Joint Board. Present were Mark Decoteau, Shaun Mulholland, Elected Official Terry Murphy, Elected Official Joy Newell, Paul Deschaine and Jane Ferrini.

Mark Decoteau stated he thought it would be important for an elected official to serve as Chair. Terry Murphy said he would not serve as Chairman of the Joint Board

Shaun Mulholland moved and Joy Nowell seconded a motion to elect Mark Decoteau as Chairman of CC2's Joint Board. The Motion passed unanimously with Mark Decoteau, Shaun Mulholland, Joy Newell and Terry Murphy voted in favor of the Motion.

Upon discussion on the Motion, Mark Decoteau said he could serve for several months but may not be able to serve the full term.

Terry Murphy moved and Joy Newell seconded a motion to nominate Shaun Mulholland as Vice Chairman.

Paul Deschaine raised the issue if Shaun Mulholland as past president of NHMA or Mark Deschaine's role as Chairman of Government Finance Officers' Association could be a conflict. The group agreed that it would not and Terry Murphy noted that he thought it would be a benefit.

The motion to elect Shaun Mulholland as Vice Chairman of the CC2's Joint Board passed unanimously with Mark Decoteau, Shaun Mulholland, Terry Murphy and Joy Newell voting in favor.

The Joint Board discussed the role of the Secretary and noted that they are discussing some administrative support from the lobbying firm.

Mark Decoteau moved and Shaun Mulholland seconded a motion to nominate Phil Warren as Secretary. The motion passed unanimously with Mark Decoteau, Shaun Mulholland, Terry Murphy and Joy Newell voting in favor.

The Joint Board set the next Joint Board meeting for Monday, March 8, 2021 at 11 am and discussed agenda items of update on lobbying firm, setting a budget and reviewing Associate memberships.

Joy Nowell moved and Shaun Mulholland seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Joint Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40am.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Ferrini
Secretary Pro Tem