

Delegation Meeting

Date: Wednesday, March 13, 2013

Venue: Legislative Office Building, Room 203, Concord.

Present: Representatives Gary Coulombe, Larry Enman, Marcia Hammon, William Hatch, Wayne Moynihan, Larry Rappaport, Herb Richardson, Leon Rideout, Robert Th  berge, Yvonne Thomas

Time: 12:35 p.m.

Chairman Th  berge briefed the members on the major budget items to be discussed. The members discussed at length the money to be appropriated for economic development. The majority agreed to allocate \$15,000 toward the OHRV/ATV Coalition for the development of trails in Co  s County. However, the members were concerned and expressed that the funds should be highly regulated and monthly reports made to the County Commissioners before any money is to be released. In addition, the members did not want the funds to be co-mingled with the New Hampshire Grand project. Also, \$10,000 to be appropriated for the development of a county web-site to be updated regularly and which would include links to other municipality web-sites within the county and for promoting tourism. The remaining \$15,000 will be discussed at the upcoming budget meeting Saturday, March 16.

The money to be allocated toward repairs and maintenance of the barn was discussed at length. The majority agreed that the sub-committee addressing the future of the administrator's house would include the issues about the barn. Members of the subcommittee are: Representatives Rideout (chair), Moynihan and Hatch). Whether or not, a rent increase is in order to offset maintenance costs, as well as the cost needed to bring the barn under a proper condition or to raze the barn would be researched. The findings of the sub-committee will be discussed at the second quarter financial meeting of the delegation in July.

Representative Moynihan noted that an increase in the appropriate line item for the County Attorney may be needed. He reported that the county administrator would inform the delegation this coming Saturday if additional money is needed for the court case dealing with the explosion in Colebrook.

A lengthy discussion followed as to whether or not money should be allocated toward a clerk for the Planning Board. The amount needed was unknown whereas the members did not know what a base-pay would be for a clerk. The issue would be taken up Saturday, March 16.

The members agreed that the line item for the Division of Forestry and Lands would be increased to \$5,000 of which \$2,500 would be to assist the county in obtaining the timber tax assessment.

It was unclear as to the amount needed for the study involving federal lands within the county. The information should be made available come Saturday.

Given a time constraint, the members were called back into House Session by the Speaker.

The meeting ended at 1:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Representative Robert L. Th  berge, Chairman