

LONG RANGE CAPITAL PLANNING AND UTILIZATION COMMITTEE

Legislative Office Building, Room 201

Concord, NH

Tuesday, February 16, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rep. Gene Chandler, Chair

Rep. John Cloutier, Clerk

Rep. Mark McConkey

Rep. David Danielson

Rep. Edmund Gionet (Alternate)

Sen. David Boutin

ALSO PRESENT: Meredith Telus, Budget Director
(Office of the Governor)

Michael Connor, Deputy Commissioner
Department of Administrative Services

(The meeting convened at 1:33 p.m.)

(1) Acceptance of Minutes of the December 9, 2015 meeting.

CHAIRMAN CHANDLER: Okay. The time being 1:30, we will open the Long Range Capital Planning and Utilization Committee meeting, and we have some minutes of December 9th.

****** SEN. BOUTIN: So move.

CHAIRMAN CHANDLER: Senator Boutin moves.

REP. MCCONKEY: Second.

CHAIRMAN CHANDLER: Seconded by Representative McConkey. Any questions? Discussions on the minutes? All those in favor say aye? Any opposed? The motion carries.

***** {MOTION ADOPTED}**

(2) Old Business:

CHAIRMAN CHANDLER: Okay. First up, Old Business. Tabled. There any action or changes on that? Guess not.

(3) New Business:

CHAIRMAN CHANDLER: Disposal of real estate. That was all set. So -- okay. Let me get my first one here. I'm sorry, what's first?

SEN. BOUTIN: 16-002.

CHAIRMAN CHANDLER: 16-002.

**** SEN. BOUTIN**: Move to approve, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN CHANDLER: I've got to find it here. Sorry.

SEN. BOUTIN: Should be the first item.

CHAIRMAN CHANDLER: I know. I lost that sheet.

SEN. BOUTIN: It's Seabrook.

CHAIRMAN CHANDLER: Seabrook. 16-002 regarding land in Seabrook. Any questions of the Department? No? Okay. Do we have a motion on that already?

**** SEN. BOUTIN**: I moved that.

CHAIRMAN CHANDLER: Seconded?

REP. MCCONKEY: Second.

CHAIRMAN CHANDLER: Any questions? If not, all those in favor say aye? Opposed? Motion carries.

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CHAIRMAN CHANDLER: Thank you. Get me back on track here. 16-003, Department of Transportation leasing parcel of State-owned land in Dover.

** SEN. BOUTIN: So move.

REP. DANIELSON: Second.

CHAIRMAN CHANDLER: Senator Boutin moves, seconded by -- who was that? Representative Danielson. Are there any questions of the Department? Any discussions? Seeing none. All those in favor say aye? Any opposed? The motion carries.

*** {MOTION ADOPTED}

CHAIRMAN CHANDLER: Item number 16-004, Department of Transportation in Dixville.

** SEN. BOUTIN: So move.

CHAIRMAN CHANDLER: Senator Boutin moves. Is there a second?

REP. CLOUTIER: I'll second that.

CHAIRMAN CHANDLER: Seconded. I have a question.

CHARLES SCHMIDT, Administrator, Bureau of Right-of-Way, Department of Transportation: Yes.

CHAIRMAN CHANDLER: Regarding -- mostly regarding the administrative fee. In here you're recommending waiving the fee; is that correct?

MR. SCHMIDT: Yes. It's a transfer where the Department is actually coming out ahead. So that request is coming through that we waive that.

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CHAIRMAN CHANDLER: I guess I'd ask you you're not coming out as far ahead as you would be if you -- if we got the administrative fee and you can answer this. It seems like there was a lot -- I would guess -- I'm not opposed to the idea.

MR. SCHMIDT: Sure.

CHAIRMAN CHANDLER: It seems like there's a lot of time put in this by the Department. And while I realize the appraisals show some net benefit to the State, I'm not sure it's enough in my opinion but I'm willing to listen.

MR. SCHMIDT: Yes. I am not sure why the request came through our front office and had indicated that we should so that's -- had requested it specifically be included this way.

CHAIRMAN CHANDLER: Right.

REP. DANIELSON: Chairman, question.

CHAIRMAN CHANDLER: Yes.

REP. DANIELSON: If we were to amend this item, would it be -- the motion would be made as amended?

CHAIRMAN CHANDLER: Well, yeah. If it was decided that we should charge the administrative fee, we just make a motion that the administrative fee be charged, and we can set that fee. This is our recommended fee. It can be anything we want it to be.

****** REP. DANIELSON: So move.

SEN. BOUTIN: Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN CHANDLER: Yes.

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SEN. BOUTIN: I think I just draw the attention to the Committee Members to Page 2 of the document. This is an exchange of land between the Errol -- Errol -- what do they call it?

CHAIRMAN CHANDLER: Dixville Capital.

SEN. BOUTIN: Dixville Capital and the State for 0.30 acres for 3.53 acres. The value of the 0.30 acres is \$950. The value of the 3.53 acres that we're getting in exchange is \$13,200. So I think we have more than recouped the cost of the administrative fee. That's my view on it, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN CHANDLER: Thank you. Yes, Chris.

CHRISTOPHER SHEA, Deputy Legislative Budget Assistant, Office of Legislative Budget Assistant: Thank you, Representative Chandler. I just want to make sure the Committee understood the item before you is to amend the previously approved item because what they're changing is the size of the parcel they're swapping for. So originally it was for 4.28 acres down to 3.52. So previously the Committee had already accepted not charging that administrative fee back in the fall when you first took this.

CHAIRMAN CHANDLER: How'd we do that?

SEN. BOUTIN: That was the other point I was going to make, Mr. Chairman, but I forgot.

REP. DANIELSON: I'll withdraw my motion.

CHAIRMAN CHANDLER: Okay. Hold on. Okay. Does it mention in here that we approved that already? I didn't see that when I read it but that's okay.

MR. SHEA: On page --

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CHAIRMAN CHANDLER: I don't doubt that that happened. I just didn't see it in this thing but it's probably in there.

MR. SHEA: It's the third page in.

REP. DANIELSON: November 17, 2015. First line.

CHAIRMAN CHANDLER: Right. The other -- I guess you're not the people to ask this question. My other question was really has nothing to do with this per se. But are you still going to build another salt shed? You have one at the foot of the Notch. Are you really going to build another one to replace the one on the Balsams' property which is, what, half a mile away?

MR. SCHMIDT: I'm not totally familiar with where each one is and which district or which area they cover. My understanding is yes, there will be a request coming forth for funds to build a shed next year or next budget session.

CHAIRMAN CHANDLER: I just want to make the Committee aware these locations are a mile at the most apart. That's all. Doesn't seem to make a lot of sense. And you have -- there is a full facility down at the foot of the Notch. You have a -- not just a salt shed, but you have a patrol facility there, buildings and everything.

MR. SCHMIDT: Right.

CHAIRMAN CHANDLER: I guess that's nothing to do with this particular -- Senator.

SEN. BOUTIN: Could I ask the Department a question?

CHAIRMAN CHANDLER: Sure.

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SEN. BOUTIN: What is the projected cost of the new salt shed?

MR. SCHMIDT: I haven't seen any numbers yet. I'm not sure they've been prepared. I apologize. The Operations folks coordinated that.

CHAIRMAN CHANDLER: Seems like the estimate will be 600,000, the bid will be a million.

SEN. BOUTIN: I was going to say, Mr. Chairman, I think you understand and appreciate this that perhaps given your -- your point you just made, Mr. Chairman, that the Department might be better served to take what funds they might have instead of building another salt shed a mile away from another one that they re-dedicate that money to the Derry salt shed.

CHAIRMAN CHANDLER: Right. And there may be a reason for it. One's at the top of the Notch and one's at the bottom. Just doesn't seem to make --

MR. SCHMIDT: Unfortunately, I'm not familiar with the operation.

CHAIRMAN CHANDLER: I didn't expect you because that's not your Department.

SEN. BOUTIN: Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN CHANDLER: Yes.

SEN. BOUTIN: Is there a road between the bottom and the top of the Notch?

CHAIRMAN CHANDLER: There is.

SEN. BOUTIN: So they can get --

CHAIRMAN CHANDLER: It's a two-way road.

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SEN. BOUTIN: So they can actually travel up that road.

CHAIRMAN CHANDLER: Well, one would hope so.

SEN. BOUTIN: Okay. That's all I was interested in.

CHAIRMAN CHANDLER: Okay. We have a motion that's been seconded to approve Item 16-004. Ready for the question? All those in favor say aye? Opposed? Okay, motion carries.

***** {MOTION ADOPTED}**

CHAIRMAN CHANDLER: Item number 16-001, authorization to enter into a three year Use of Premises Agreement with the County of Rockingham.

****** SEN. BOUTIN: So move, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN CHANDLER: It's been moved. Is there a second?

REP. DANIELSON: Second.

CHAIRMAN CHANDLER: Moved by Senator Boutin, seconded by Representative Danielson to approve Item 16-001. Questions of the Department? Anyone? No. All those in favor? Any opposed? Motion carries.

***** {MOTION ADOPTED}**

CHAIRMAN CHANDLER: Item number 16-005, New Hampshire Employment Security amending a prior Committee approval regarding the price, et cetera, et cetera.

****** SEN. BOUTIN: I'll move it, Mr. Chairman.

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CHAIRMAN CHANDLER: Senator Boutin moves approval.
Do we have a second?

REP. DANIELSON: Second.

CHAIRMAN CHANDLER: Seconded by Representative Danielson. Are there any questions of the Committee? If not, are you ready for the question? All those in favor say aye? Opposed? The motion carries.

*** {MOTION ADOPTED}

(4) Miscellaneous:

(5) Informational:

CHAIRMAN CHANDLER: Miscellaneous. Informational.
Have informational meeting there. Anything else to come before us? If not, we will recess till the call of the Chair. Thank you very much for your attention.

(The Chair recessed the meeting to the call of the Chair at 1:41 p.m.)

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CERTIFICATION

I, Cecelia A. Trask, a Licensed Court Reporter-Shorthand, do hereby certify that the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate transcript from my shorthand notes taken on said date to the best of my ability, skill, knowledge and judgment.

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