

New Hampshire Tax Collector's Association
Executive Board Meeting
Plodzik & Sanderson
November 8, 2018
9:30 a.m.

Executive Committee Members Present: President Hannah Joyce, CTC, 1st Vice President Benjamin Bynum, CTC, 2nd Vice President Erica Anthony, CTC, Treasurer Joyce McGee, CTC, Secretary Charity Baker, CTC, Legislative Committee Chair Becky Benvenuti, CTC, Conference Coordinator Terri Briand, CTC, Director at Large Melinda "Min" Kennett, CTC, Director of Public Relations Kathy Seaver, CTC

Absent: Workshop Coordinator Esaundra "Pessy" Gaudette, CDTC, Education Committee Chair Dawn Enwright, CTC

Correspondence – Hannah received an email from Linda Fecteau recommending Erika Robinson from Epping for the Bylaws committee. Hannah has appointed Erika as a member of the Bylaws committee.

Secretary Report – Charity made the committees list available for changes to be made where necessary. Also, Becky distributed the list of Legislative committee members.

Treasurer Report – Joyce distributed the treasurer's report and mentioned everything looks good and the Association is right where we need to be for cash on hand.

Joyce asked the board if we were going to send Bernie a stipend for all he does for the Association. **Ben made motion to send Bernie a \$500 stipend for all he does for the Association. Seconded by Kathy. All in favor. Motion carried.**

Joyce passed out a spreadsheet of expenses and revenue for each of the workshops in order to see if we are breaking even and we are not as a whole. It was discussed to increase the registration fee to cover the costs, however, Pessy is still trying to connect with UNH to see about moving the Seacoast meeting. Joyce would like to wait on changing the registration fee until we are able to talk with other venues for that location. It was suggested we try to make a decision on the venue at the December meeting before we increase the fee.

She wanted to confirm that the New Collector's scholarship is going to be opened up to new dues paying deputies as well. The committee confirmed that was what was decided. The scholarship form needs to be updated to mention the dues paying deputies.

Director of Public Relations/Certification Report – Kathy reported that certification week will be August 12th – 16th. This year is the 30th anniversary of the program and Terri has already booked the Grappone Center for graduation. The committee will be reaching out to all the graduates from the program to invite them to the ceremony.

Legislation Committee Report – Becky followed up on all the questions from last meeting regarding interest rate changes. She sent the questions to Bernie and he is right out straight and has not had a chance to review it at this point. There was discussion regarding

how we need to handle land use change, gravel and yield (timber) taxes and if they will be able to be liened as they have been in the past with the property taxes. This is also the same question for the water & sewer.

Hannah is also waiting to hear from Bernie regarding the Town of Wakefield and updating our procedures manual as to “timely deposits.”

Becky reported there are roughly 174 LSR’s that have been proposed for 2019. With the changes in the State’s legislators it will be interesting to see what bills will come back in the upcoming year. She believes the deadline to file LSR’s is coming up soon.

Conference Coordinator Report – Terri sent out a notice on google group about costs for next year’s conference to use for budgeting. Ben connected Bob from the Red Jacket with Terri to discuss possibly moving the conference there. She mentioned to Bob that we have a contract for the North Conway Grand Hotel until 2020 and she said she will be looking for quotes at that time and would welcome him to bid on our event.

Terri is going to set a meeting with Al from the North Conway Grand to discuss the evaluation feedback and discuss things to brush up on for next year.

Ben asked what the history was behind having both conferences in the fall and not splitting up the Town Clerk and Tax Collectors’ between Spring and Fall. There was some discussion on whether it would be able to work changing to the Spring. No decisions were made at this time.

Hannah asked if she thought we would still have the meeting in June 2019 at the hotel. Terri felt it would be a good idea.

County Coordinator Report – Ben will be sending out an email soon looking for a new County Coordinator for Rockingham County and Hillsborough County to bring to the committee for Hannah to appoint.

Ben let everyone know that he has accepted a new position with the Town of Hopkinton as the assistant Town Clerk/Tax Collector. He wanted to know how that affects his membership and position on the board. There was much discussion. Charity read the membership section of the bylaws that states that an assistant collector can be a member of the Association as long as they perform the duties of the tax collector in their absence and have the approval of the Executive Committee. There were different opinions as to whether they should be able to participate on the Executive Committee. It was felt that we needed to discuss further. No decisions were made.

Director at Large Report – Min has nothing to report. WHAT?!!!!!!

New Business – Hannah mentioned Steve Hamilton is leaving DRA and opening his own assessing firm. It was mentioned Tom Hughes has been appointed as interim director. She

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will be sending out a card to him. Steve wanted her to pass along that it has been a pleasure working with the members of the Executive Committee and all the State's collectors.

Joyce made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Hannah. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charity Baker".

Charity M. Baker, Secretary