

## MEETING MINUTES

### Legislative Policy Committee

Friday, May 28, 2021; 11:00 A.M.  
Remote Meeting Via Zoom

Per RSA 91-A:2, III(b) the RPC Chair has declared the COVID-19 Outbreak an emergency and has waived the requirement that a quorum be physically present at the meeting.

1. Call to order.
2. Reviewed status of two surviving bills on watch list.
  - *HB025 – Capital Budget including provision of funds for Coastal Flooding Model. Senate Capital Budget Committee voted the budget Ought to Pass (OTP) on 5/27. There has apparently been no effort to remove the line item for the coastal flooding model. The committee felt there was no need to submit comment specifically supporting the coastal flooding model provision.*
  - *SB095 - Relative to remote board meetings under the right-to-know law. Staff had let the Committee know that SB095 was voted Ought to Pass by House Judiciary. Staff subsequently realized that the Committee amended the bill to strip out the provision allowing for continued use of remote/virtual meetings, leaving only the study committee on use of remote/virtual meetings. Jaci Grote noted that theoretically the virtual meetings provision could be restored on the floor, and one representative intended to try this, but she was skeptical about the viability of the effort.*
3. Review additional bills of interest or concern identified by Committee members with a nexus to the planning issues outlined in the Legislative Policies.

Committee members discussed seven additional bills that that were highlighted at the April 13<sup>th</sup> meeting of the committee. Of these four have been voted Inexpedient to Legislate (ITL) and three remain alive.

#### Voted ITL

- HB177 – Prohibiting the siting of landfills near state parks. This was voted ITL in Senate - Might be added as a rider on another bill. If so it would happen on Senate Floor on 6/4 or 6/5.
- HB67 - Limiting ability to amend petition warrant articles at deliberative session. This was voted ITL in Senate.

- HB351 – Requiring legislative approval for changes to the System Benefit Charge related to the energy efficiency component of the SBC. Currently the PUC has discretion to adjust the efficiency component of the SBC to address the Energy Efficiency Resource. This was voted ITL in Senate.
- HB484 – Prohibiting Budget Committee from making comments on warrant articles that have not monetary value. This was voted ITL in Senate.

#### Still Alive

- HB243 – Mandating line by line format for municipal budgets. Passed 5-0 in Senate Election Law and Municipal Affairs Committee. Amendment provides more clear definitions. On Senate Floor 5/28. Will go to Conference.
  - HB315 – Changing rules for aggregation of electric customers. Passed in Senate Energy & Natural Resources. NHMA initially opposed based on adverse effect on the state's Community Power Law, though there were a number of amendments with addressed items of concern. Jaci will get an update from Kat McGee and current contents and prospects.
  - HB373 – Prevents DES from participating in any state, regional or national low carbon fuel standards program unless specifically directed by the Governor. Passed in Senate Natural Resources. On Senate Floor 5/28.
4. Next meeting – Monday June 7, 2021 at 2:00pm.
  5. Adjourn.
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