

**NHLWAA  
Executive Board Committee  
Minutes**

**March 20, 2014**

Present: Pat Murphy, Bob Mack, Denise Greig, Marilyn Cereillo Bresaw, Charlene Michaud, Sue Benoit, Suzanne Carr, Todd Marsh, Ellen Tully and Elizabeth Sayre.

1. Bob Mack called the meeting to order at approximately 9:40 AM. Meeting location was at the Local Government Center.

2. NHLWAA:

a. Executive Committee:

i. Treasurer's Report. Balance is \$37,083.22. This does not include the expenses for flowers sent to ailing Welfare Administrator. Report attached.

Motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report by Liz Sayre and seconded by Ellen Tully. Motion carried without opposition.

ii. Next Meeting is April 17, 2014 at Local Government Center which is a full group meeting.

b. Committees.

i. Technology – NH GAP

1. Target approval launch date 4/1/2014 does not look like it will be a reality. Liz stated the User Manual was not completed and the table conditions list must be signed off.

2. Contract/Agreement. The Committee discussed issues with the contract/agreement that Municipalities need to sign to use the GAP software. Bob stated that Nashua's legal and IT people came up with several issues of their own. Pat Murphy stated that Merrimack's legal and IT person also had some concerns and edits with the Agreement.

There was discussion as to whether our Committee could address the agreement/contract or each municipality would have to do this with Seacoast. It was decided that each municipality would have to sign their own agreement and the NHLWAA would have to put a disclaimer on the website that each municipality needed to negotiate their own agreement.

Minutes from 2/20/14 was reviewed. Liz Sayre made a motion to accept minutes as written and Denise Greig seconded it. Motion carried with no opposition.

ii. Legislative Affairs.

1. Sarah Mattson from Legal Aid asked NHLWAA to support HB 562 to put a cap on Car Title Loans again. Bob presented a draft letter for the Committee. See letter attached. Pat Murphy made the motion to

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approve the support letter as written, Liz seconded it and the motion passed without opposition.

iii. Nomination Committee. Bob brought up that elections should be done in November at the Annual Conference. Bob said that he would like to give someone else the opportunity to be President. He also suggested that we may need to look at another co-secretary nominee since Angela was having trouble getting to our Executive Committee Meetings monthly. He asked that Committee Members give it some thought and let the Nomination Committee know so that they can present a slate of Officers at the September General Meeting.

4. Conferences/Training:

a. Meetings.

i. Next General Session- April 17, 2014. It was suggested to invite NH DHHS to provide updates on all their programs since there seem to be some changes especially with the Medicaid and Medicaid Expansion.

ii. June Workshop- Charleen noted that we should be meeting with NHMA to do this soon. Bob said that he will contact Judy Silva to get this started. A meeting was suggested at the end of the April General Session.

iii. November Conference. Liz suggested that we also need to meet soon regarding the Annual Conference and they should do this at the same time when they met with Judy Silva.

5. Other/General Discussion:

a. 211 language. Denise said that she did do a draft for 211 and she will email the draft to us for consideration.

b. Other: None.

Motion to adjourn made by Pat, seconded by Bob and agreed without opposition.  
Meeting adjourned at 11:25 AM.

Minutes prepared by Patricia Murphy, co-secretary.

**New Hampshire Local Welfare Administration Assoc. Treasurer's Financial Reporting Sheet 2014**

Month	Deposits	(Deposit detail)	Checks	(Expense detail)	Balance
December/January	0		27.5	Professional Services	39,129.93
January /February	375	Association Meeting	421.71	Postage-Supplies-Clerical Services	37,083.22
February/March					
March/April					
April/May					
May/June					
June/July					
July/August					
August/September					
September/October					
October/November					
November/December					
	<b>375</b>		<b>449.21</b>		<b>\$37,083.22</b>



# NH Local Welfare Administrator's Association

*Approved 3/20/14*

*Towards self-sufficiency...*

March 20, 2014

Senator Andy Sanborn, Chair  
Senate Commerce Committee  
107 North Main Street  
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Senator Sanborn,

I am writing this letter to once again express the support of the NH Local Welfare Administrators Association for the passage of HB 562, the bill to cap the interest rate on car title loans at 36% per year.

People who access these loans often times find themselves frequenting our offices because they cannot repay the loan and also meet their basic needs such as rent, food, medication and utilities, which is often the reason they took the loan in the first place. It is a vicious cycle for many people who are financially struggling and seek out these emergency loans. Often, these loans serve only to exacerbate their current financial situation when they cannot even pay off the interest of said loan.

We urge you to support HB 562 which will still allow access to these loans but at a more reasonable interest rate. There is a misconception that people use these loans for their emergency needs and do not seek local welfare assistance. Recipients of car title loans will end up in our offices as they find themselves in a deeper hole each month. Our offices will need to pay rent, utilities, or other emergency expenses such as prescriptions as the loan repayment has exhausted the resources of the individual or family. This presents a direct impact on the local property taxpayer.

Thank you for your consideration of this issue and we hope that you will pass this bill that proposes to cap the interest rate on these loans.

Sincerely,

Angela Martin-Giroux  
Chair, NHLWAA Legislative Affairs Committee