

**NHLWAA**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
May 23, 2024

**Board Members in Attendance:** BJ Parker, Todd Marsh, Bob Mack, Karen Emis-Williams, Angela Martin-Giroux, Natalie Darcy, Charleen Michaud and Ellen Tully.

**Board Members Absent from Meeting:** Pat Murphy, Dave Balian, and Lynne Goodwin.

**Minutes:** Submitted by Natalie Darcy

**Board of Directors** meeting called to order at 9:36am.

1. **Minutes** for meeting 3/21/24: BJ stated that the minutes were not complete. Motion to table the minutes for April to next meeting made by Todd and seconded by Karen.
2. **Treasurer's Report:** Charleen stated that it was a light month. Stated that the association will be spending more money than taking in. Charleen will keep track of it. BJ asked if money could be spent on higher quality speakers for our general meetings. Charleen stated that the highest cost is food.

**President's Report:**

1. Todd continues to average 4-5 interactions with other municipalities and agency provider engagements. Todd has a meeting coming up with a local domestic violence provider regarding policies.
2. Phaneuf Funeral Home is unable to make the alternate meeting date of 6/27/24 to discuss "unclaimed bodies". Discussed the possibility of doing the training via Zoom.
3. WMUR's segment on "unclaimed bodies" went well. Todd stated that it was not a "gotcha" segment. The segment kept local welfare in a decent light. Following the interview there was a question of possibly doing a story on rent increases for a future news segment.
4. The article that Todd submitted to Town and City magazine was published.

**Committee Reports:**

1. **Legislative Affairs:** Current house and senate bills of interest
  - a. HB 1115 – Todd went in person to testify.
  - b. SB 563 – On table
  - c. SB 406 – Emergency funding for shelters.

2. **Training Committee:** Discussions regarding the June and October conferences.
  1. **“Art of Welfare” workshop.** The workshop will be conducted from 9:00am – 1:30pm on 6/27/24 at NHMA. NHLWAA will be providing breakfast and a sandwich lunch. Program will include the following:
    - a. Art of Welfare
    - b. NH Local Welfare Trends – Focusing on Homelessness
    - c. Navigating the 2023 update to RSA 165:1 Regarding residency
    - d. Domestic Violence piece
  2. **October Conference:** Natalie asked for ideas for workshop ideas and possible speakers. Ideas brought before the board as follows:
    - a. Confidentiality
    - b. Cyber Security as many offices receive confidential documentation. Manchester is getting a secure upload portal to protect identity theft.
    - c. Value of Outreach Workers. Concerns brought that the topic was broad, not targeted at Human Services and small municipalities don’t have them.
    - d. Question arose if we should pull out of the workshop for this year as last October conference was not well attended. Concerns were raised that the conference has gotten expensive. However, another concern was raised about the unintended consequences of not doing the conference.
    - e. Should the conference focus on municipal leadership?
  3. **Next General Meeting** will be September 19, 2024.
3. **Survey Ad Hoc Committee:** Lynne stated that she is in the process of getting the information together.
4. **Standard Practice SB110 Ad Hoc:** The committee has one more meeting before the workshop on 6/27/24.
5. **Financial Oversight Committee:** Nothing to report
6. **Nomination Committee:** Nothing to report

**Adjournment:** Natalie gave a motion to adjourn, and Charleen seconded it. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by,

*Natalie Darcy*