

Breakfast Meeting Minutes

December 2, 2015

New Hampshire Liquor Commission

The Executive Council convened at 9:09 a.m. with Governor Hassan and all Executive Councilors present.

Governor Hassan reviewed the pre-meeting ceremonial items for the 10:00 a.m. meeting.

- Reading and Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilor Van Ostern
- Music by Cellist Nathaniel Lanthrop, NH Symphony

The Executive Council, on a motion by Councilor Van Ostern, seconded by Councilor Pappas, voted 5-0, to approve the minutes of the Breakfast Meeting of November 18, 2015.

The Governor reviewed Late Item A from Department of Administrative Services which set the schedule for Governor and Council meetings for January through June 2016.

Councilor Sununu will host the next meeting on Wednesday December 16th at a location to be determined.

Other Business:

The Governor asked the Council to accept the nomination of Department of Transportation Commissioner Victoria Sheehan for reappointment and take up the vote to confirm on the same day because her term was expiring on December 3, 2015. Commissioner Sheehan was previously appointed on September 16, 2015, and sworn-in on October 19, 2015, to complete the remaining few months of a previously vacant term after a public hearing. The Councilors agreed to do so noting that Commissioner Sheehan has only been on the job a few months, she had a public hearing, and has been performing well in the position.

Councilor Wheeler raised questions around the Northeast Energy Direct pipeline proposal and the state's processes and responsibilities around state owned land. Councilor Van Ostern asked for more information on what would and what would not come before the Executive Council concerning such a proposal. Governor Hassan offered to have her legal counsel work with the Department of Justice's counsel to provide an overview for the Executive Council on items pertaining to the pipeline proposal that may come before them at a future date.

Councilor Kenney mentioned both the Balsams redevelopment project and the Sunapee Mountain expansion noting the importance of the projects in his district.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:34 a.m.