

ATTACHMENT 1

MINUTES
RPC Legislative Policy Committee
January 23, 2017 ** 4:00 PM **
RPC Conference Room

Attendance: B. Kravitz, T. Moore, F. Chase, J. VanBokkelen; Staff: C. Sinnott
Excused: Francis Chase; Tim Moore

1. Minutes of Jan 9, 2017: VanBokkelen moved to approve the Meeting minutes of January 9; Kravitz seconded.. SO VOTED.
2. Report from Members on LSRs and Bills (based on Tim's Spreadsheet)

Members reported on the bill they were ask to review and report on. (See attached resports)

Francis

(see attached)

Barbara

HB 352: bill not avial.

LSR 353: no bill yet; WATCH

LSR 0472(HB 559):: WATCH

HB 592: watch – no bill yet

HB535: raises net mtering cap fpor municipalities (watch and research) LIKELY SUPPORT

HB 335: regulating noise on small energy systems WATCH

HB 518: eliminates net metering cap but undercut economics of solar by making resale at wholesale rates: OPPOSE; James will monitor

HB4011: James will read and make recc.

HB344: James will read and make recc.

James

HB380: no RPC interest

Hb481: no RPC interest

HB485: emerging contaminants – James to watch

HB486: wetland law revisions – RPC should review; James will monitor

HB359: LCHIP would return 30% of transfer fee top towns; review and tentatively support if uuse of returned funds is for land conservation. Cliff will review. [ITL'd]

HB190: no RPC interest

HB540: no climate change funding accepted for HHS: review & likely OPPOSE if relevant to RPC

HB507: polluter responsibility/liability study committee: WATCH?

HB553 ?? (political advocacy)

HB577: electronic recycling – SUPPORT

HB195: temporary docks – WATCH

HB342: tranfering WQ regularoy from EPA to DES (MS4 State regulatory) WATCH & comment?

SB 30: woodland buffers re regulatory shoreline – WATCH (staff to research & report back)

Francis

HB161: no action needed

Hb118: no action needed

HB123: no action needed

HB131: no action needed

HB 80: mandating energy conservation in state building code: Survey building inspectors for opinion

HB86: re Variances – suggest asking opinion of ZBAs

HB92: re State Building Code: ask opinions of Building inspectors

HB372 re residency: discussed and determined no action needed

HB299 'verified' mail in pace of certified - no action needed

HB495: prohibits amendment of petitioned articles - no action needed

HB258 approval of subsurface disposal systems: research and report

Other Bills Discussed:

SB185: RSA79E extended for coastal properties made more resilient – SUPPORT

HB454- remove OBDII emissions testing requirement: OPPOSE

HB431 – Messmer: Est Commission to study drinking water in Seacoast

HB485 – Messmer: identifying standards for emerging contaminants

SB240- mandates municipal water service connection at cost if well contaminated – potentially problematic – further research

SB 243: Complete streets – SUPPORT RPC submitted letter

HB121: Local option fee increase – SUPPORT

HB621: gas tax rate based on the equivalent miles per gallon of the vehicle: Research and likely SUPPORT

3. Initial Responses/Positions on Legislation

(incorporated in above discussion – positions / recommendations will be added to Tim's tracking sheet))

4. Update on – Transit Preemption

Since last meeting, testimony was submitted recommending distinction between preemption and prioritization. Bogle believes bill will pass out of committee

5. Adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 5:45 Next meeting: February 23 unless need earlier.

Minutes prepared by: Cliff Sinnott, Executive Director

ATTACHMENT 2

RPC LEGISLATIVE TRACKING SPREADHEET

016LSR	Category	Bill Number	Bill Category/Description	Prime Sponsor	House/Senate Committee	Next/Last Hearing Date	NHARPC Position	NHMA Position	NHPA Position	NHACC Position	RPC Position	Status	RPC Analysis
2017-0024	Boards, Commissions	HB 80	relative to the administration of building code enforcement	Carol Roberts	House: Executive Departments and Administration	1/18/17	None at this time	Watch	Watch	None at this time	Oppose - Watch	Retained In Committee	Cliff to follow up.
2017-0038	Boards, Commissions	HB 86	relative to voting on variances.	James Belanger	House: Municipal and County Government Senate: Public and Municipal Affairs	3/8/17		Watch	Watch - recommend amendment	Watch	Watch	House: Passed / Adopted with Amendment Senate: In Committee	Cliff to follow up.
2017-0033	Transportation	HB121	relative to the maximum optional fee for transportation improvements charged by municipalities when collecting motor vehicle registration fees.	Patricia Higgins	House: Municipal and County Government	CC Vote 3/3/17		Watch	Support	None at this time	Support - Scott to write letter	House: OTP	This bill increases the maximum optional fee for transportation improvements that may be charged by municipalities when collecting motor vehicle registration fees from existing \$5 to \$10.
2017-0119	Energy	HB141	relative to electric renewable energy classes	David Murotake	House: Science, Technology and Energy	2/7/17		None at this time	None at this time	None at this time	Oppose	Retained In Committee	
2017-0032	Transportation	HB154	relative to interference with traffic devices	Patricia Higgins	House: Transportation Senate: Transportation	3/7/17		Watch	None at this time	None at this time	Support - Scott Bogle provided testimony in House, will do same in Senate	House: Passed / Adopted With Amendment Senate: In Committee	
2017-0151	Agriculture	HB161	relative to beverage sales at farmers' market	John Hunt	House: Ways and Means	1/17/17	None at this time	None at this time	None at this time	None at this time	None at this time	In Committee	
2017-0189	Municipal Concerns	HB163	relative to the responsibility of a municipality to enforce its ordinances	Steven Smith	House: Municipal and County Government Senate: Public and	3/15/17		Watch	None at this time	Watch	None at this time	House: Passed / Adopted Senate: In Committee	This bill requires any municipality that adopts a bylaw or ordinance pertaining to off highway recreational vehicles to enforce such ordinance.
2017-0261	Boards, Commissions	HB170	relative to posting notice and minutes of public meetings on the public body's website	Ed Comeau	House: Judiciary	House Vote 3/8/17		Watch	None at this time	Watch	None at this time	House: Majority OPT, Minority ITL	
2017-0271	Right-To-Know	HB171	prohibiting the state or its political subdivisions from assisting a federal agency in the collection of electronic data without a warrant	Neal Kurk	House: Criminal Justice and Public Safety	Not yet scheduled		Watch	None at this time	None at this time	None at this time	In Committee	This bill prohibits the state and its political subdivisions from assisting a federal agency in the collection or use of a person's electronic data without consent or a warrant.
2017-0303	Environment	HB173	relative to regulations restricting the use of water for outdoor usage.	John Graham	House: Municipal and County Government	2/21/17		Watch	None at this time	None at this time	Support - No further action at this time	In Committee	
2017-0374	Right-To-Know	HB178	establishing a commission to study processes to resolve right-to-know complaints.	Kenneth Wyler	House: Judiciary Senate: Judiciary	2/6/17		Watch	None at this time	None at this time	None at this time	House: Passed / Adopted With Amendment Senate: In Comm.	This bill establishes a commission to study processes to resolve right-to-know complaints.
2017-0415	Municipal Concerns	HB182	relative to the adoption of a default budget	Keith Ammon	House: Municipal and County Government	1/11/17		Watch	None at this time	None at this time	None at this time	Retained In Committee	This bill permits political subdivisions to require the default budget to be placed on the ballot as a separate contingent warrant article if the operating budget is defeated. The bill permits a revised operating budget to be voted on if both the operating budget and the contingent default budget are defeated.

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2017-0493	Environment	HB190	relative to the wildlife habitat account and the fisheries habitat account.	Gene Chandler	House: Finance	Exec Session 3/13/17		None at this time	None at this time	None at this time	None at this time	In Committee	
2017-0548	Transportation	HB193	relative to traffic control measures.	Michael Harrington	House: Transportation	1/18/17		Watch	None at this time	None at this time	None at this time	Retained In Committee	This bill permits cities to adopt bylaws and ordinances relative to temporary traffic control measures. Seems to be limited to City Councils.]
2017-0629	Environment	HB195	establishing a committee to study temporary seasonal docks.	John Mullen	House: Resources, Recreation and Development	CC Vote 3/8/17		None at this time	Watch	Watch	None at this time	House: OTP	
2017-0329	Energy	HB225	repealing the electric renewable portfolio standard		House: Science, Technology and Energy	CC Vote 3/8/17		None at this time	Oppose	None at this time	Oppose - Cliff to write letter	House: OTP with Amendment	
2017-0432	Misc	HB238	establishing a committee to study broadband access to the internet.	Carol Roberts	House: Science, Technology and Energy Senate: Public and Municipal Affairs	Not yet scheduled		Watch	Watch	None at this time	Support - Cliff to write letter	House: Passed / Adopted Senate: In Committee	If House passes the bill, we should provide a letter of support to appropriate Senate committee.
2017-0586	Boards, Commissions	HB258	relative to the submission and approval of subsurface sewage disposal system plans.	Dale Sprague	House: Resources, Recreation and Development Senate: Energy and Natural Resources	Not yet scheduled	None at this time	Watch	None at this time	None at this time	Watch Cliff to research	House: Passed / Adopted Senate: In Committee	
2017-0635	Housing	HB265	relative to accessory dwelling units	Carolyn Mathews	House: Municipal and County Government	CC Vote 3/8/17		Watch	Support §3; clarify remainder	None at this time	Support - Cliff to write letter	House: OTP with Amendment	Defines ADUs, Single Family Dwellings, gives municipalities a little more flexibility in permitting ADUs.
2017-0652	Transportation	HB267	repealing the rail transit authority	Neal Kurk	House: Transportation	1/25/17		None at this time	Oppose	None at this time	Oppose - Tim Moore & other NHRTA members to provide testimony	House: Retained in Committee	This bill repeals the rail transit authority. [Hearing this Wednesday - 1/25
2017-0556	Municipal Concerns	HB324	to allow utilities property valuation by revenue administration	Patrick Abrami	House: Science, Technology and Energy	1/25/17		Watch	None at this time	None at this time	Watch	Retained In Committee	This bill places responsibility to determine the valuation of utility property in the hands of the commissioner of revenue administration.
2017-0657	Environment	HB336	relative to standards for outdoor wood-fired hydronic heaters	Richard McNamara	House: Science, Technology and Energy	House Vote 3/8/17		Watch	Watch	None at this time	Watch	House: OTP with Amendment	
2017-0667	Energy	HB337	relative to municipal regulations of small wind energy systems	Herbert Vadney	House: Science, Technology and Energy	CC Vote 3/8/17		Watch	Watch	Watch	Watch	House: OTP	
2017-0721	Environment	HB342	establishing a commission to study the transition of certain regulatory authority to the department of environmental services from the Environmental Protection Agency.	Linda Gould	House: Environment and Agriculture	CC Vote 3/8/17		Watch	Watch	Watch	Support - Cliff to write letter	House: OTP	
2017-0055	Transportation	HB347	making an appropriation for rural bus service	John Cloutier	House: Public Works and Highways	1/25/17		None at this time	Support	None at this time	Watch	Retained In Committee	
2017-0213	Energy	HB352	relative to the energy efficiency fund.	Herbert Richardson	House: Science, Technology and Energy	House Vote 3/8/17		None at this time	None at this time	None at this time	Watch	House: OTP	

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2017-0249	Environment	HB353	relative to sales of beer in refillable containers.	Kermit Williams	House: Commerce and Consumer Affairs	House Vote 3/8/17		None at this time	None at this time	None at this time	Watch	House: OTP with Amendment	
2017-0430	Transportation	HB363	repealing the laws regarding motorized locomotives and ski area plates.	Steven Smith	House: Transportation	CC Vote 3/8/17		None at this time	None at this time	None at this time	Watch	House: OTP	This bill repeals statutes authorizing number plates for motorized locomotives and ski area plates.
2017-0149	Environment - Sea Coast	HB376	requiring construction projects that disturb sediments of estuarine waters to analyze the characteristics of the sediments and report them to the department of environmental services.	Wayne Burton	House: Resources, Recreation and Development	House Vote 3/8/17		Watch	None at this time	Watch	Watch	House: Majority OTP with Amendment; Minority ITL	Good process; too detailed to properly evaluate.
2017-0731	Energy	HB401	relative to the implementation of the recommendations of grid modernization.	David Danielson	House: Science, Technology and Energy	2/28/17		None at this time	None at this time	None at this time	Watch	Retained In Committee	
2017-0075	Misc	HB413	relative to payment by the state of a portion of retirement system contributions of political	Robert Renny Cushing	House: Finance	Exec Session 3/13/17		Watch	None at this time	None at this time	Watch	In Committee	Not sure if this applies to RPCs or not; if so may want to provide a letter of support.
2017-0481	Environment - Sea Coast	HB431	establishing a commission to study long term goals and requirements for drinking water in the seacoast	Mindi Messmer	House: Resources, Recreation and Development	CC Vote 3/8/17		Watch	Support	None at this time	Watch	House: OTP with Amendment	Not sure why only in seacoast area. Good process.
2017-0538	Right-To-Know	HB460	relative to nonpublic sessions under the right-to-know law.	Chris True	House: Judiciary	CC Vote 3/8/17		Watch	None at this time	None at this time	Watch	House: OTP with Amendment	
2017-0553	Environment	HB463	regulating groundwater pollution caused by polluting emissions into the air.	Frank Byron	House: Science, Technology and Energy	Exec Session 3/15/17		None at this time	None at this time	Watch	Watch	In Committee	
2017-0286	Environment	HB485	relative to standards for emerging contaminants in drinking water.	Mindi Messmer	House: Resources, Recreation and Development	CC Vote 3/8/17		None at this time	None at this time	None at this time	Watch	House: OTP with Amendment	
2017-0304	Environment	HB486	relative to the protection of wetlands	Judith Spang	House: Resources, Recreation and Development	1/25/17		Watch	Support	Watch	Watch	Retained In Committee	
2017-0680	Energy	HB518	eliminating the cap on net metering and relative to the price of surplus energy.	Richard Barry	House: Science, Technology and Energy	1/25/17		Watch	Oppose	None at this time	Oppose	Retained In Committee	
2017-0546	Environment	HB540	relative to funding for climate change adaptation.	Leonard Turcotte	House: Executive Departments and Administration	CC Vote 3/8/17		None at this time	Oppose	None at this time	Oppose	House: OTP with Amendment	
2017-0368	Environment	HB591	relative to suction dredging in the surface waters of the state.	Lee Oxenham	House: Resources, Recreation and Development Senate: Energy and Natural Resources	Not yet scheduled		None at this time	None at this time	Watch	Watch	House: Passed / Adopted With Amendment Senate: In Committee	
2017-0309	Housing	HB654	relative to short-term and vacation rentals.	Bill Ohm	House: Ways and Means	2/28/17		Watch	Watch	None at this time	Watch	In Committee	
2017-0247	Agriculture	SB 10	relative to dairy farmer relief	Jeb Bradley	Senate: Finance House: Environment and Agriculture	1/24/17		None at this time	None at this time	None at this time	Watch	Senate: Passed with Amendment House: In Committee	

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2017-0866	Housing	SB 73	relative to septic requirements in conversions to accessory dwellings.	Kevin Avard	Senate: Public and Municipal Affairs	1/25/17		Watch	Watch	None at this time	Watch	Senate: OTP	No updated septic plans required if ADU bedrooms are replacing existing bedrooms.
2017-0962	Housing	SB 94	making a capital appropriation for workforce affordable housing.	Dan Feltes	Senate: Capital Budget	Senate Vote 3/9/17		None at this time	Watch	None at this time	Watch	Senate: OTP with Amendment	Bill doesn't specify amount of appropriation; don't have enough info to know if this is needed.
2017-0801	Environment	SB117	establishing the stormwater management and flood resilience fund within the department of environmental services.	David Walters	Senate: Finance	1/31/17		Watch	Support	None at this time	PosHP	Senate: OTP with Amendment; OTP Finance Committee	Sets aside \$400,000 for municipality grants.
2017-0953	Environment	SB127	relative to dissolved oxygen concentration water quality standards.	James Gray	Senate: Energy and Natural Resources	2/2/17		None at this time	None at this time	None at this time	Watch	Senate: Passed / Adopted With Amendment	Standards set, too detailed to properly evaluate.
2017-0785	Agriculture	SB169	relative to the definition of agritourism.	Bob Giuda	Senate: Public and Municipal Affairs	2/8/17		Watch	Oppose	None at this time	Oppose	Referred to Committee	Removes local control
2017-0940	Housing	SB173	relative to the use of accessory dwelling units.	Martha Fuller Clark	Senate: Public and Municipal Affairs	2/2/17		Watch	Support	None at this time	Watch	ITL	Good concept - ADUs can't be used for "short-term" rentals; doesn't define "short-term".
2017-0903	Environment - Sea Coast	SB185	extending the community revitalization tax relief program to coastal properties subject to storm surge, sea level rise, and extreme precipitation .	David Walters	Senate: Ways and Means	Time not specified		Watch	Support	None at this time	PosHP	In Committee	Something we should support.
2017-0964	Transportation	SB243-FN	relative to complete streets policies, establishing a complete streets pilot program, and making an appropriation therefor.	Dan Feltes	Senate: Transportation	2/14/17		Watch	Support	None at this time	Support - Scott to provide letter and testimony	Senate: OTP with Amendment	