

**Sullivan County Convention  
Meeting Minutes of the:  
Tuesday, August 13, 2013, 8:30 AM  
Place: Newport, NH - 14 Main Street, 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Delegates present:** John Cloutier – Chair | District 10, Cynthia Sweeny – Vice Chair | District 8, Andy Schmidt – Clerk | District 1, Suzanne Gottling – Executive Finance Committee (EFC) Chair | District 2, Raymond Gagnon – EFC | District 5, Jim Grenier – EFC | District 7, Steve Smith – District 11, Skip Rollins – District 6, Linda Tanner – District 9, Joe Osgood – District 4 and Virginia Irwin – District 6. Delegates absent: Benjamin Lefebvre – District 1 and Andrew O’Hearne – District 3.

**County Elected Officials & Staff:** Commissioner Jeffrey Barrette – Chair, Bennie Nelson – Vice Chair and Ethel Jarvis – Clerk, and Lionel Chute – Natural Resource Director.

**Public attendees:** Larry Converse – Claremont citizen, Gayle Hedrington – WNTK 99.7, Lisa Connell – YCU News, Patrick O’Grady – Valley News Reporter, John Callum – Former County Commissioner | Unity, and Archie Mountain – Eagle Times Reporter.

**8:30AM** The Chair, John Cloutier, called the meeting to order.

Documents provided at the previous public hearing, were made available again [Appendix A & B].

First, Lionel Chute, Natural Resource Director, answered questions posed by the Delegation at the August 8<sup>th</sup> 7PM public hearing about the Unity Mtn. land to be purchased. He noted he received the sale prices of the property from the Unity Town Clerks Office, which reflected:

- 2010 property sale price was \$450,000
- 2008 property sale price was \$455,000

Chute added, Unity Town Clerk also reported the taxes on the parcel were paid up as of Aug. 2013.

Rep. Osgood moved to reduce the purchase price from \$298,000 to \$238,400. This motion died, as there was no second.

**9:00 Motion: to approve supplemental appropriation of \$298,000 for the purchase of land in Unity, with appropriation to be funded from FY13 Fund Balance. Made by: Sweeney. Seconded by: Tanner. General discussion commenced.**

**Rep. Schmidt, with a second from Rep. Sweeney ‘called the question’. The ‘call the question’ was approved by a 10-1 voice vote.**

**Roll call vote taken on Rep. Sweeney’s motion. Those who voted YES, in favor of the motion: Cloutier, Gagnon, Gottling, Grenier, Irwin, Rollins, Schmidt, Sweeney and Tanner. Those who voted NO – against the motion: Osgood and Smith. The motion carried with the majority.**

**9:03 Motion: to approve the August 8<sup>th</sup>, 7PM public hearing minutes as presented. Made by: Rep. Sweeney Seconded by: Rep. Osgood. Voice vote: approved 10-0, with Rep. Irwin abstaining as she was absent from the public hearing.**

9:04 Motion made to adjourn the meeting. Made by: Rep. Sweeney. Seconded by: Rep. Irwin. Voice vote: All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Andy Schmidt, Clerk  
State-County Delegation

AS/JC/sjc

Date minutes approved:

3/12/2014