

TOWN of MADISON RESOLUTION
REGARDING THE NH RETIREMENT SYSTEM
& MAKEUP OF THE NHRS BOARD

Adopted February 20, 2007

WHEREAS: The Madison Board of Selectmen sees the escalating costs associated with the NHRS as a leading challenge facing Madison and other cities and towns across New Hampshire as they prepare their annual budgets; and

WHEREAS: Madison's required contribution to the NHRS on behalf of its employees is beyond the control and negotiating authority of the Town of Madison; and

WHEREAS: The Dover City Council recently took action regarding a Local Government Center Legislative Policy position and amended the language to seek additional city and town representation on the Board of the NHRS; and

WHEREAS: The amended language put forth by the Dover City Council did not receive widespread support from the cities and towns represented at the LGC Legislative Policy Conference; and

WHEREAS: It is still an important issue that should be championed by Dover's, Madison's, and other municipalities State Delegations on behalf of their taxpayers.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF MADISON THAT:

The Board of Selectmen shall send a letter, the appropriate background information, and a copy of this resolution to Madison's State Senator and State Representatives informing them of the importance of this issue to the Madison Board of Selectmen and the taxpayers of Madison and seeking their support in working toward legislation that will accomplish this objective.

AUTHORIZATION:

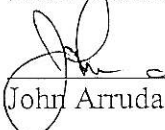
Approved by vote of the Board of Selectmen at their weekly meeting on February 20, 2007.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN



Michael R. Brooks, Chairman

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February 23, 2007

Governor John Lynch
State House
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Raymond S. Burton, Exec. Councilor
338 River Road
Bath, NH 03740

Senator Joseph Kenney
PO Box 201
Union, NH 03887-0201

Rep. Robert Bridgham
PO Box 242
Eaton Center, NH 03832

Dear Governor Lynch, Councilor Burton, Senator Kenney, and Representative Bridgham:

Enclosed please find documentation from the Madison Board of Selectmen pertaining to the NH Retirement System (NHRS) and the makeup of the NHRS Board.

In January 2007, the Board received a letter from Scott Myers, Mayor of the City of Dover, sharing information and research conducted by his town on the drastic increases to the employer's share of NH Retirement System contributions. We also received a copy of a Resolution adopted by the Dover City Council and were asked to consider adopting a similar Resolution in our Town.

After review of the information provided from the City of Dover, the Madison Board of Selectmen voted on February 13, 2007 to adopt a Madison Resolution regarding the NH Retirement System and makeup of the NHRS Board. We enclose a copy of the Resolution along with the two spreadsheets devised by Dover for your review. We ask that you consider working toward legislation that will accomplish the objective outlined in the resolution on behalf of New Hampshire municipalities and taxpayers.

If you wish to discuss this matter further with the Board of Selectmen please feel free to contact our office for an appointment at one of our meetings.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that appears to read 'Michael R. Brooks'.

Michael R. Brooks, Chairman
Board of Selectmen

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enclosures

Elected State Representatives – Town of Madison

Governor John Lynch 603-271-2121
State House
25 Capitol Street
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Honorable Raymond S. Burton 603-747-3662
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Senator Joseph Kenney 603-271-3073
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Town of Goffstown

TOWN OFFICES
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February 15, 2007

Mayor Scott Myers
Town Hall
288 Central Avenue
Dover, NH 03820

Re: Resolution in support of employer representation on NH Retirement System Board

Dear Mayor Myers:

Enclosed please find a copy of the resolution of the Goffstown Board of Selectmen regarding the above-captioned. Per your request the Board took favorable action to support the City of Dover's lead in pushing our legislators to consider representation on the NH Retirement System Board.

The letters to our legislators were sent out last week.

Sincerely,

Sue Desruisseaux
Goffstown Town Administrator

SD/kmf

Enclosure



Town of Goffstown

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: The Town of Goffstown sees the escalating costs associated with the NHRS as a significant challenge facing Goffstown and other cities and towns across New Hampshire as they prepare their annual budgets; and

WHEREAS: Goffstown's required contribution to the NHRS on behalf of its employees is beyond the control and negotiating authority of the town of Goffstown; and

WHEREAS: The Goffstown Board of Selectmen supports the amendment regarding a Local Government Center Legislative Policy position to seek additional city and town representation on the Board of the NHRS; and

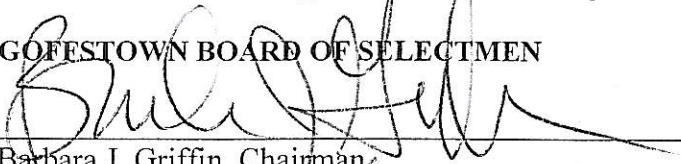
WHEREAS: The amended language put forth by the Dover City Council did not receive widespread support from the Cities and Towns represented at the LGC Legislative Policy Conference; and

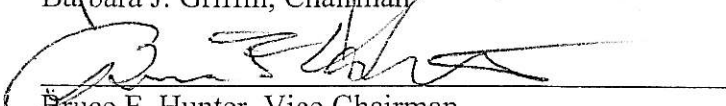
WHEREAS: It is still an important issue that should be championed by Goffstown's State delegation on behalf of the taxpayers of the town of Goffstown.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN THAT:

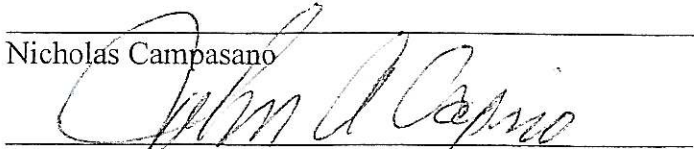
The Board shall send this resolution to Goffstown's State Senator and State Representatives, informing them of the importance of this issue to the Town of Goffstown and the taxpayers of this Town and seeking their support in working toward legislation that will accomplish this objective.

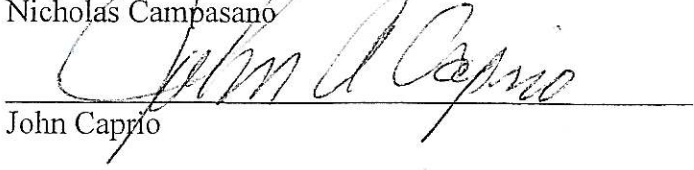
GOFFSTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN


Barbara J. Griffin, Chairman


Bruce F. Hunter, Vice Chairman


Philip A. D'Avanza


Nicholas Campasano


John Caprio

RESOLUTION 2007-1

CITY OF LACONIA

In the Year of Our Lord two thousand and seven

**A RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO MUNICIPAL REPRESENTATION ON THE BOARD
OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Laconia as follows:

WHEREAS, the City sees the escalating costs associated with the New Hampshire Retirement System as a leading challenge facing Laconia and other cities and towns across New Hampshire as they prepare their annual budgets; and

WHEREAS, Laconia's required contribution to the New Hampshire Retirement System on behalf of its employees is beyond the control and negotiating authority of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Local Government Center's recent legislative policy position included proposed language to seek additional city and town representation on the Board of the Retirement System;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Laconia that:

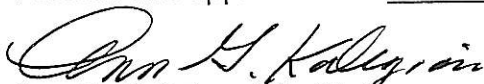
The City Manager shall send a letter and a copy of this Resolution to Laconia's State Senator and Representatives informing them of the importance of this issue to the City Council and the taxpayers of Laconia and seek their support in working toward legislation that will accomplish this objective.

The resolution shall take effect upon its passage.



Matthew J. Lahey, Mayor

Passed and approved this 12th of February, 2007



Ann G. Kaligian, City Clerk



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February 21, 2007

Senator Kathleen Sgambati
New Hampshire State Senate
107 N. Main St., Room 302
Concord, NH 03301

***Re: Resolution Concerning Municipal Representation on the Board of the
New Hampshire Retirement System***

Dear Senator Sgambati:

On February 12, 2007, the Laconia City Council unanimously adopted the attached Resolution concerning municipal representation on the Board of the New Hampshire System.

Each year when preparing the City budget we are faced with the challenge of funding the continuing increases in the City's contribution rates. These escalating costs have become a major challenge for all cities and towns across New Hampshire. A recent letter from Mayor Scott Myers of the City of Dover to the City Council stated "The four different classifications of employees (Group I, Employees and Teachers and Group II, Police & Fire) have shown increases to cities and towns of 48.13%, 119%, 50.37% and 18.42% respectively in required retirement contributions from the period beginning July 1, 2003 to the projected increase coming this July."

The City is seeking the support of our State Representatives concerning legislation that will allow for the cities and towns of the State to finally have representation on the Board of the New Hampshire Retirement System and enable them to have input concerning future increases.

*Senator Kathleen Sgambati
New Hampshire State Senate
February 21, 2007
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Please feel free to contact me at 527-1270 or by e-mail to cabanele@city.laconia.nh.us should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Eileen Cabanel".

Eileen Cabanel
City Manager

Attach.

cc: Representative Beth Arsenault w/attach.
Representative Don Flanders w/attach.
Representative Judith Reeve w/attach.
Representative Frank Tilton w/attach.
Representative Jane Wood w/attach.
Mayor Scott Myers, City of Dover w/attach.
Mayor Lahey & Members of the City Council w/attach.



TOWN OF SUTTON

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February 6, 2007

Mayor Scott Myers
288 Central Avenue
Dover, NH 03820

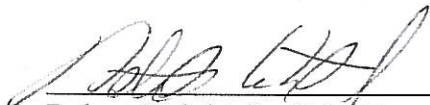
Dear Mayor Myers:

Thank you for forwarding a copy of Dover's Resolution regarding town representation on the Board of the NH Retirement System. We share your concern in this regard and will forward a copy to our local representative, Ricia McMahon in the hope that she will support legislation to encourage fair representation on the NHRS Board on behalf of the taxpayers of Sutton.

We would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to you and the Dover City Council for championing this important cause.

Sincerely,

SUTTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN



Robert Wright, Jr., Selectman



William I. Curless, Selectman



Philip E. Buteau, Selectman

cc: Representative McMahon