

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
NEW HAMPSHIRE - CANADIAN TRADE COUNCIL

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New Hampshire Canadian Trade Council Regular Meeting  
Dec 11, 2023  
Meeting Minutes

Called to order by Secretary of State Scanlan at 1:00 PM

Attendance:

**Secretary of State** David M. Scanlan

**Senators:** Lou D'Alessandro, Donna Soucy

Absent: Donovan Fenton, Keith Murphy, Howard Pearl

**Representatives:** Vice Chair Janet Wall, Representatives Benjamin Baroody, Tim McGough, Daniel Eaton, Arnold Davis, Linda DiSilvestro, Linda Massimilla, Steve Shurtleff

**Department of Business and Economic Affairs:** Benoit LaMontagne

**Private Sector:**

BJ Perry

- 1.) Previous meeting minutes were authorized and accepted.
- 2.) Sen D'Alessandro spoke to the council and informed us of his resignation from NH CTC
- 3.) A letter was read from Sherbrooke in re trip to Canada from Evelyn Mayor of Sherbrooke with thanks and accolades.
- 4.) Sen D'Alessandro going to work with the Manchester Board of Mayor and Alderman in regards to sister city relationship and making an effort to cement this relationship formerly
- 5.) Sen D'Alessandro announced the new counsel general of Canada based in Boston
- 6.) Secretary Scanlan extended thanks of the Council to the Senator for many years of service and leadership and recognized his replacement, Sen Howard Pearl of Loudon.
- 7.) Committee members unanimously thanks the Senator for his tireless and successful years of service and requested he remain a member emeritus. Without objection Sen D'Alessandro to remain honorary member of NH CTC.
- 8.) Discussion ensued about the makeup of the commission and Rep. McGough moves Rep. Wall become Chair, Rep Baroody second. Without objection the motion was adopted.
- 9.) Rep Baroody moves, Rep Shurtleff Seconded, Sen Soucy as VC.Unanimously approved. Sen Donna Soucy agreeing to serve as Vice Chair
- 10.)Rep McGough to continue as the Clerk of the Council
- 11.)Rep Wall discussed establishment of a subcommittee for additional NHCTC Economic Summits
- 12.)Discussion continued about the 2024 Summit, Rep McGough to chair and head logistics arrangements for Manchester-based gathering in late 2024, likely October. Featured technology and business partners being sourced now for participation to include ARMI again, and others.

- 13.) Discussion about the location for the North Country summit. Absent Representatives to provide a report at the next meeting with possible plan for April 2024 Norther NH gathering.
- 14.) Rep Wall requested report of Maritime subcommittee – no report due to lack of meeting due to illness.
- 15.) Rep Massimilla reports that a North Country meeting is pending, and further discussions will be held.
- 16.) NH Quebec Event – tentatively scheduled for next Fall, subcommittee should be formed by Feb. meeting.
- 17.) Benoit LaMontagne – read list of attendees from Sherbrooke trip, and mentioned Tentative date 9/23-24
- 18.) Benoit and Tim volunteered so far, need some more. Rep McGough will negotiate hotel.
- 19.) Requesting 2 more volunteers - Rep Baroody tentatively may be available.

Moved to adjourn by Rep. Shurtleff, approved. Meeting Adjourned at approximately 1:33pm  
Next meeting 1/8/23 2pm