

CC 2.0 September Full Board Meeting Minutes

September 22, 2022

Attending: Towns represented in person: Bridgewater, Carroll, Hampton, Holderness, Lebanon, Lincoln, Moultonborough, New Castle, Newington, Portsmouth, Waterville Valley.

- August Joint Board minutes considered and approved by Joint Board.
- Chairman Decoteau of Waterville Valley provides a brief explanation of CC 2.0 and its monthly meetings.
- General discussion followed regarding the legislative and interim study committee process following a session and the uptick in interim study committee activity since the end of the summer. Particular attention given to bills sent to interim study from the end of 2022 legislative session, with particular attention given to House Education's work on HB 504 and HB 1680 which concern aspects of state education funding among other educational issues. Advocates for CC 2.0 attended both study committee sessions. While the bills are "dead" for 2022, the committee recommended future legislation on the topics covered in HB 504, with a partisan divide within the committee regarding what direction that future legislation should take, with similar action anticipated regarding HB 1680.
- Additional attention given to early legislative service requests or "LSRs" of interest which were filed in September, reflecting bill titles only of legislation that will be brought forward in 2023.
- General discussion was held on the status of two pending court cases that concern education funding, the so-called "Con-Val" case in Rockingham County Superior Court and the more recently filed case brought by taxpayers in Grafton County Superior Court.
- General discussion was held regarding the broader LSR filing period in November after the elections and what might emerge from the roughly 1,000 bills that are anticipated. This shifted to a discussion regarding the elections and likely outcomes in the State House.
- General discussion held on the work of CC 2.0 monitoring dozens of bills that directly or indirectly impact CC 2.0 communities and the likelihood that the next two years will see increased activity. Further discussion on renewing membership in CC 2.0 for next two years.
- General discussion on legislator issue survey results and trends found within the responses.
- General discussion concerning the CC 2.0 Memorandum of Understanding and its reauthorization. Further discussion on minor amendments to the MOU regarding timing of annual meetings and termination.

- Motion made and seconded to reauthorize the MOU, with agreed upon edits to be made by the Joint Board. Full CC 2.0 Board voted unanimously in favor of reauthorization of MOU with agreed upon edits to be made by Joint Board.
- General discussion on CC 2.0 budget status and member assessments, with thanks expressed to the City of Portsmouth Finance Office for its support.
- General discussion on Bernstein Shur anticipated withdrawal as CC 2.0 lobbying counsel, with Bernstein Shur noting its pleasure at the opportunity to work with CC 2.0 and its members, but that due to its bandwidth constraints, it would not be able to continue providing support to CC 2.0 in the coming legislative session. Further discussion about the RFP process to secure successor lobbying counsel.
- General discussion about a vacancy on the CC 2.0 Joint Board requiring an elected official to fill it. Joint Board members expressed interest in having member communities suggest potential elected official members who may be willing to volunteer their service on the Joint Board.
- Motion made and seconded to reauthorize the current members of the CC 2.0 Joint Board to continue as CC 2.0 Joint Board members effective January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024:
 - o Mark Decoteau, Waterville Valley, Chair
 - o Paul Deschaine, Newington
 - o Shaun Mulholland, Lebanon,
 - o Terry Murphy, Bridgewater
- Motion to reauthorize said current CC 2.0 Joint Board membership to continue serving through December 31, 2024 adopted unanimously by Full CC 2.0 Board.
- Motion made and seconded to authorize the Joint Board to fill the Joint Board vacancy concerning its elected official position. Motion unanimously approved by Full CC 2.0 Board.
- Meeting adjourned.