

PERSONNEL/ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

NOVEMBER 6, 2023

A meeting of the Personnel/Administrative Affairs Committee was held Monday, November 6, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chamber.

The roll call was taken with 3 members of the Personnel/Administrative Affairs Committee present:

Vice-Chair Ben Clemons presided.

Members of the Committee present: Alderman-at-Large Ben Clemons, Vice Chair  
Alderman Tyler Gouveia  
Alderman Derek Thibeault

Members not in Attendance: Alderwoman-at-Large Shoshanna Kelly  
Alderman Thomas Lopez

Also in Attendance: Alderman Patricia Klee  
Matt Sullivan, Community Development Director  
Dan Healey, City Clerk

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ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENT

Wayne Saya

My name is Wayne Saya and I reside at 24 Cadogan Way in Nashua. I don't know what Ward that is because for 30 years we lived on Pemberton Road before we sold.

But anyway, I'd like to speak about the electronic voting machines. There's only two concerns and by the way, thank you for allowing me to speak. And so respected members of the Board, I just wanted to explain that two items. One of them is that when I was a regulatory guy over in D.C., there's a lot of things with regard to the voting rights. Here the way that the - not ordinance yet but the Resolution is written, it's written to allow the City of Nashua to be permitted to have the machines. That's actually problematic because the constitution only allow the legislature to give that permission not the municipalities. So number one, the Resolution as written, and I think I explained this earlier during the Aldermen meeting, needs to be changed so that you're requesting an upgrade of the machines. The Resolution as written does not request an upgrade of the machines. It's requesting Nashua to be permitted to use and have these machines which isn't a municipality's permission to ask for. They don't have the constitutional authority to do that only the State does.

Number two, there's already a State law in place with regard to what Nashua is requesting. Nashua can't request anything where a State law already exists because this a non-home rule State. If there's already a State law in place, then Nashua is supposed to be following that State law and not creating another State law that's either is similar to it or supersedes it. You can only create a municipal law where a State law doesn't exist and here the State law already exists.

Alderman Thibeault

30 seconds.

Wayne Saya

So that's why I'm asking.

The third is - I would suggest for consideration table it until after the case that is currently in the New Hampshire Supreme Court that is being heard I believe either the 28<sup>th</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup> of this month. It's challenging the electronic machines. If you pass this Resolution now authorizing the funding for it, you're doing three things: you're approving a resolution that goes to the Board.

Chairman Clemons

I have to cut you off at this point.

Alderman Thibeault

Yeah, times up.

Wayne Saya

But why would you want to do that?

Chairman Clemons

I don't want to but you're allowed three minutes. I let you go over by 15 seconds because I know you took up some of the time at the beginning, so I allowed you a little leeway but.

Wayne Saya

Well I mean I'm saying it does away with controversies and why create a controversy.

Chairman Clemons

Thank you for coming.

Wayne Saya

It was my pleasure.

Chairman Clemons

Is there anyone else who would like to address the Committee at this time? Seeing none, we will move onto Communications.

COMMUNICATIONS - None

INTERVIEWS

Chairman Clemons

We have the first set of interviews is the Board of Building and Fire Codes Appeal. I believe that Director Sullivan is here in place of the Mayor. So if you want to invite up the appointees as well to come up with you.

Matt Sullivan, Community Development Director

Mr. Chair would you prefer that we do one at a time for the appointees to come up or are you comfortable with both?

Chairman Clemons

Why don't we do them all at once?

Matt Sullivan, Community Development Director

Thank you Mr. Chair. Matt Sullivan, Community Development Director. Joined this evening are Carl Dubois and Scott Cote for interviews related to the Board of Building and Fire Codes Appeals. I am going to allow these gentlemen to introduce themselves in just a second but for a bit of background, there are actually three appointments in front of you this evening for this Board. The reason for that is that the Building Code Appeal Board was established back in 2016. There was a reform of legislation at that point in time to redefine the membership but subsequent to that re-definition of the membership, the City has actually not encountered a situation requiring the usage of this particular Board and so the Board is not actually constituted. As it happens, we have received an action or an appeal requiring the use of this Board and so the Mayor working with City Staff sought out three, to four, to five individuals to actually sit on the Board and serve within that role.

To talk quickly about the role that they'll serve in, this Board is actually responsible for reviewing appeals of the building official and the interpretation and the application of the Building Code to projects around the City. So really it's sort of an administrative appeals body that's used from time to time as may be required. Again, we have an instance before us where this Board needs to be asked to hear a case. With that said, it's particularly important with this Board that we have subject matter expertise because these are technical matters being reviewed and being appealed and for that reason, I'm very pleased to present two individuals this evening on behalf of the Mayor - Scott Cote and Carl Dubois.

You may know these gentlemen. Obviously just to start quickly, I'll let them introduce themselves but Scott has a history of being a member of the Board of Aldermen and also nearly 30 years, I think, with Southern New Hampshire in the facilities department there, has extensive experience with building, and construction management, and the like and certainly the same goes for Carl with Harvey Construction has been responsible and involved with multiple City projects, extensive knowledge of the Building Code, actually served in the State's Building Code Review Board as well. But I'll stop there. The resumes were included within your packet for review but I'm just very pleased on behalf of the Building Department, the Mayor to introduce these two gentlemen for an interview tonight.

Alderman Thibeault

Can I announce them?

Chairman Clemons

Sure.

Alderman Thibeault

I just want to make sure we go by the rules here.

Board of Building and Fire Codes Appeals

Scott Cote (new appointment)  
39 Tenby Drive  
Nashua, NH 03062

Term to Expire: October 13, 2026

Carl Dubois (new appointment)  
31 Holbrook Drive  
Nashua, NH 03062

Term to Expire: September 13, 2026

Alderman Thibeault

And you said Director Sullivan we do not have Mr. Slattery tonight?

Matt Sullivan, Community Development Director

Mr. Slattery was unable to attend this evening.

Alderman Thibeault

Okay, thank you.

Chairman Clemons

All right. So I will turn it over to you gentlemen and we'll start with Mr. Cote.

Scott Cote (new appointment)  
39 Tenby Drive  
Nashua, NH 03062

Term to Expire: October 13, 2026

Scott Cote

Good evening Alderman Clemons. Nice to see you again. My name is Scott Cote as was mentioned. I live at 39

Tenby Drive in Nashua and pretty much have lived in Nashua since my early adulthood at this point. I work over at the Southern New Hampshire Medical Center as the Vice President of Facilities and Emergency Management and have been very involved in a lot of capital projects not only for the medical center but also for the community as well.

Interestingly enough, this is actually a re-appointment for me believe it or not. So I served on this group before but we never had a case. So the terms just expired as they did which was fine. So certainly got the call to consider coming back. It's a good Committee to serve on when you don't have a lot of meetings to go to so certainly willing to help anyway I can.

Interestingly enough with the Building Codes in Nashua, my history goes back quite a way to 1999 with Bill Walsh when he was the original Building Inspector at the time. He and I partnered together to introduce the International Building Codes to the City of Nashua. In fact, we were one of the first communities in the State of New Hampshire that adopted the IBC Codes back then. That was a tremendous amount of work in terms of developing that and bringing it into the City of Nashua. So there is a lot of history there, a lot of knowledge, a lot of memory there. I'm happy to answer any questions that you may have.

#### Chairman Clemons

Okay. I'll let Mr. Dubois introduce himself.

Carl Dubois (new appointment)  
31 Holbrook Drive  
Nashua, NH 03062

Term to Expire: September 13, 2026

#### Carl Dubois

Good evening folks. Carl Dubois, 31 Holbrook Dive. Moved to Nashua early 80's and recently retired in December of last year. Been in commercial construction, construction management industry for 43 years. Served on many, many projects in Nashua - a lot of school projects as Alderman Klee knows but various other projects throughout the City of Nashua. I also served and was appointed on the State Building Code Review Board. I served on that for three years and I was the Chair of the International Building Code Committee that brought forth the recently adopted 2018 version. The State always like to stay three years behind. So 2021 has already been approved elsewhere but they want to go through 2018. The group that is now presently the gentlemen that took my spot is trying to get through the 2021 edition and all the amendments that go with it to bring that forth to the State legislature for approval and that will be coming up here shortly.

I was asked to serve. I've known folks in Planning and the Building Department all these years. Always had a lot of respect for them. I think with my background in building construction, commercial construction, and my history in codes I said sure why not, I'd be willing to serve. Happy to be here.

#### Chairman Clemons

Great. Thank you very much gentlemen. So I'm going to open it up to the Committee and others present if they have any questions or comments.

#### Alderman Klee

Thank you Chairman Clemons. As Mr. Dubois said, I've worked with him quite a bit on school projects through the Joint Special School Building. He was always right there to answer, never pulled any punches, knew everything, even sometimes you didn't want to hear things, he was there to tell us. Truthfully through - to be honest - through COVID, it was nice to have that voice of reason to say this is not looking good. He was always prepared, purchased earlier than they were going to be able to use it because he saw the trend coming and so on. So I think this kind of knowledge and so on would be incredible on this type of a Board so I hope that you'll give a positive.

#### Chairman Clemons

Okay. Thank you. Any other questions or comments?

I would just thank both of you for your serving first of all your extensive history in serving Nashua in various roles. You both have served our community well and I know that in this position you bring a lot of expertise and experience and I am going to support both of your nominations so thank you. All right. We will take up your appointment later

in the meeting. Thank you very much.

Jaron Slattery (new appointment) – **not in attendance** Term to Expire: November 13, 2026  
17 Berkley Street  
Nashua, NH 03064

#### Planning Board

Cameron Green (new appointment) Term to Expire: May 31, 2024  
82A Amherst Street  
Nashua, NH 03064

#### Chairman Clemons

Okay. I'm going to go to Director Sullivan.

#### Matt Sullivan, Community Development Director

Thank you very much Mr. Chair. I'm excited to offer for interview this evening Cameron Green a candidate for the Planning Board here in the City of Nashua. You're all very familiar with the activities of the Planning Board whether good, bad, or indifferent but certainly a very active and involved Board requiring a great level of attention to detail, preparation, and expertise and for that reason, we're pleased that Cameron came forward to the Mayor's office and got a chance to have a few meetings and discussions with him with an interest in serving on that Board and even more pleased that Cameron's background, expertise, and education I think will provide a unique perspective to the Board particularly in his background in facilities management and engineering.

I won't talk in detail about the fact that he also went to my alma mater of Miami University of Ohio but certainly always good to see someone over here from my alma mater so very pleased about that. In all seriousness, very excited about the expertise and perspective that Cameron will bring to the Board and frankly as a newer Nashua just that perspective from outside of the City really, I think, excites me and I think will excite the Planning Board particularly as we're seeing a change of leadership at that Board right now and really looking for some new folks to step in. So I'm happy to present him this evening for consideration.

#### Chairman Clemons

Okay. Mr. Green please introduce yourself to the Committee.

#### Cameron Green

I'm Cameron Green, 82A Amherst Street. Like he said, I'm a new resident to Nashua. I came here two years ago almost starting in February. Since then, I work at BAE as a Senior Facilities Project Engineer. So capital projects, as well as some smaller projects, and maintenance related activities. So I get to work with multiple cities. I've worked with Nashua, Merrimack, and Manchester in my two years here. So very different cities all with their quirks and intricacies what they want to see, what they care about.

The reason I applied for this Board was more because my interest is getting more involved with the City. It's a great City. I did the same in my last one. I was in Fort Worth for about a year. In Steer Forth Worth they – just a civic engagement group within the city for younger individuals to contribute to the city. So it's more the experience to give back what I can and make the city what I love and the people around me love. So that's kind of my reason for wanting to join the Board as well as it fits within my expertise.

#### Chairman Clemons

Wonderful, thank you so much. I'm going to open it up to the Committee and to other members.

#### Alderman Thibeault

Thank you. So what do you think about our asphalt plants? I'm kidding, I'm kidding, I'm kidding. Don't answer that.

#### Alderman Klee

Matt Sullivan almost had a heart attack.

Matt Sullivan, Community Development Director

May I respond to that just very briefly? I've briefed Mr. Green and prepared him for these questions and told him under no circumstance should he answer them.

Alderman Thibeault

Yeah I just want to thank you for coming forward. I am an alternate to Alderman Klee when she decides to speak out against stuff. I can back her up and go on the Planning Board. So it is a Board that meets a couple times a month and it's something where you have to have knowledge because I know I don't know a lot of the stuff on their sitting there as the Alderman. So I appreciate you coming forward. I know that there was some leadership that's going to change there and so it's good to get new blood in there and a different perspective. So thank you for coming forward. That's a hard Board to fill so thank you for that.

Chairman Clemons

Alderman Klee.

Alderman Klee

Thank you. The only kind of non-question I'm just going to comment. Well I think it's a question is that as Alderman Thibeault said, I am on that Board as the aldermanic liaison. It does meet twice a month. The one thing that I find with so many boards is that we have quorum issues. Two times a month after working all day long and so on can be a strain. Is this is going to be an issue? I know the answer will probably be no and it won't be an issue but is it something you've really thought about? I mean summers and so on? They don't meet quite as much but.

Cameron Green

Yeah no, definitely a great question. So in my spare time, I play a lot of volleyball which is late at night anyway so I'm used to staying up late, working on stuff, and continuing to function during the day as a normal person and hitting the next day to then again have another late night and continue on working. It's a little different because you have to study and I'm also working on my Master's as well. I'm finishing up the 26<sup>th</sup> of November. So all that with work together, it'll be just a perfect transition to switch over to something else. So I'm used to doing extra after work. It's not like it's going to be a huge push especially now that my classes are ending soon so.

Alderman Klee

Just a quick follow up?

Chairman Clemons

Yes.

Alderman Klee

I know our Chair is changing but we have a had a good Chair who doesn't like to force us to go beyond 11:00 at night but we do often go to 11:00 at night sadly. Things get continued and so on so oh to be young! Thank you.

Cameron Green

I've been around one of the meetings that Scott went over. So it's definitely you guys get a lot of tough questions and a lot of interesting perspective so I understand that it can go late.

Alderman Klee

I'm usually the fly in the ointment. Director Sullivan will tell you that.

Chairman Clemons

Alderman Gouveia.

Alderman Gouveia

Thank you Mr. Chairman. Just a quick comment. I think it's great anytime we find a candidate for any board who graduated college the same year I did. So it's good to see we're bring the average down even more. So this if fantastic. The background seems to fit perfectly. The role at BAE I think it's pretty clear you obviously know planning so I think it would be a very good fit. It would be good to bring in kind of a more youthful and different set of eyes that these types of issues they conquer.

Chairman Clemons

Okay. And just to say thank you very much for coming forward. I appreciate that especially as a new resident of Nashua wanting to get involved and be involved in the community you know it's not always an easy task to find something that you're passionate about especially in city government. So I really applaud that you came forward and found that. I'm happy to support you and I think you'll do well in that role.

Cameron Green

Thank you.

Chairman Clemons

All right. So we will take up your appointment momentarily. Thank you.

APPLICATION TO LICENSE HAWKER'S, PEDDLER'S, ITINERANT VENDOR'S LICENSE – None

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN THIBEAULT TO RECOMMEND THE FOLLOWING RE-APPOINTMENT TO THE AIRPORT AUTHORITY: BRIAN H. LAW WITH A TERM TO EXPIRE AUGUST 31, 2028**

**TO RECOMMEND THE FOLLOWING NEW APPOINTMENTS TO THE BOARD OF BULIDNG AND FIRE CODES APPEALS: SCOTT COTE WITH A TERM TO EXPIRE OCTOBER 13, 2026; CARL DUBOIS WITH A TERM TO EXPIRE SEPTEMBER 13, 2026**

**TO RECOMMEND THE FOLLOWING RE-APPOINTMENTS TO THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMISSION: JENNIFER BISHOP WITH A TERM TO EXPIRE NOVEMBER 1, 2026 AND LISA TOURANGEAU WITH A TERM TO EXPIRE OCTOBER 1, 2026**

**TO RECOMMEND THE FOLLOWING RE-APPOINTMENT TO THE CULTURAL CONNECTIONS COMMITTEE: BERNADETTE MELTON-PLANTE WITH A TERM TO EXPIRE APRIL 30, 2025**

**TO RECOMMEND THE FOLLOWING NEW AND RE-APPOINTMENTS TO THE PLANNING BOARD: CAMERON GREEN WITH A TERM TO EXPIRE MAY 31, 2024; MAGGIE HARPER WITH A TERM TO EXPIRE MARCH 31, 2026; AND LAWRENCE HIRSCH WITH A TERM TO EXPIRE MARCH 31, 2026 AND**

**TO RECOMMEND THE FOLLOWING ALTERNATE TO MEMBER TO THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT: A. JOHN (JAY) MINKARAH WITH A TERM TO EXPIRE SEPTEMBER 11, 2025**

ON THE QUESTION

Chairman Clemons

You've all heard the Motions. Is there any comment? Alderman Gouveia.

Alderman Gouveia

Yeah I just want to quickly comment on Brian Law being reappointed to the Airport Authority as citizen liaison to the Authority. He does a great job. I think everybody over their right now is very dedicated to the

growth of the airport and it will be really good to have him back on.

Chairman Clemons

Thank you. Okay. Any other questions/comments?

**MOTION CARRIED**

Chairman Clemons

Those appointments will be taken up at the next Board of Aldermen meeting for final approval.

Alderman Thibeault

And swearing in.

Chairman Clemons

And swearing in yes.

Alderman Thibeault

Doesn't need approval just swearing in.

Chairman Clemons

Correct.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – RESOLUTIONS

**R-23-165**

Endorsers: Alderman Patricia Klee

Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.

Alderman-at-Large Melbourne Moran, Jr.

Alderman Thomas Lopez

Alderman-at-Large Ben Clemons

Alderman June M. Caron

Alderman Derek Thibeault

Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

**ADOPTING THE USE OF NEW ELECTRONIC BALLOT COUNTING DEVICES**

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN THIBEAULT TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE**

ON THE QUESTION

Chairman Clemons

And I'll invite Mr. Healey up now, but I know Alderman Klee wants to also discuss that, so I'm going to give you the floor Alderman Klee.

Alderman Klee

Thank you. If Mr. Healey wants to come up because I am going to pass it off to him but I did want to clarify some comments that have been made. One of the items that was kind of mentioned was that we don't have the authority to approve these electronic machines but RSA - I want to make sure I have this one right - 656:40 has given the municipalities the authority to do such in that respect. I believe that, and Clerk Healey can speak to this, according to his notes that he had given me, that this has been approved as of January 15, 1971 for us to be able to do this. So this isn't something that's new. The main key here is that there are two vendors at the State is allowing us to



pick from and that's kind of what this is authorizing us to do. I think we've already gave that authorization. It's just a matter of bringing it forward so at this point, I'm going to let Mr. Healey speak to all of it.

Dan Healey, City Clerk

So this Resolution authorizes the City to use Dominion ImageCast ballot counting devices. We have the funding already. It's been in escrow for a couple of years so there's no money that we're looking to get to purchase this equipment. As Alderman Klee stated, the electronic ballot counting devices have been used in Nashua since January 15, 1971. We have an election tomorrow and in all nine wards, we're using electronic ballot counting devices. This is basically just upgrading what we currently have to newer devices. We're not the only town or city in the State that is bringing this forward to the governing body. A few communities have already done so. Basically, the choice is now there's two vendors that offer newer devices. There's Voting Works which when I went to their demo, they have approximately eight employees. I don't see that working for Nashua. On election days if every community in New Hampshire purchased Voting Works, they wouldn't have the staff to service.

The current vendor that we use LHS out of Salem is offering the Dominion ImageCast devices. During our testing of the ballot counting devices a few weeks ago, one of the tabulators was having issues and I called them. It was the end of the day, it was probably 4:30, they were here at 8:00 in the morning to fix that tabulator. So I can drive there in probably 30 minutes. They have hundreds of employees. We've been using them probably 20 years. This is just an upgrade of what we currently have which is near end of life. The general election in 2022, one of the devices stopped working at 7:45. We had to get a spare over there and switch out the memory card. That one went in for service. It's working again but those are the issues we're running into.

So it's not proposing that Nashua uses electronic ballot counting devices, that's already been done. This is just an upgrade. The tabulator, the device is very similar in shape and size to what we currently have but it's 20 or 30 years of newer technology. For anyone listening to this, they're not connected to the internet. That's New Hampshire law. They cannot be connected to the internet.

And then also, the Ballot Law Commission has approved these two electronic counting devices. They have until March 1<sup>st</sup> to meet all the conditions but this process that we're doing is recommended guidance from the New Hampshire Secretary of State. So all town and city clerks got a memo from the State suggesting that you approve the use of the new electronic ballot counting device. The device we use now, the AccuVote, not all towns and city approved that specific device but they didn't necessarily have to. This is just in addition to the ordinance that we already have it's just a second step if that helps.

Chairman Clemons

And just to clarify as well for the public, so these still use – they're still paper ballots that people are filling out. In the case of a close election, those ballots can be hand recounted, correct?

Dan Healey, City Clerk

Yes. So if someone requested a recount, we have the paper ballots. So the only thing that's really changing is just upgraded to a newer device.

Chairman Clemons

Okay. Any other questions or comments from the Committee? Alderman Gouveia.

Alderman Gouveia

Thank you Mr. Chairman. I remember a few cycles ago I was doing a projected turnout around the City and I was seeing City Clerk Healey all around. A lot of it was these tabulators were breaking down, or malfunctioning, or having issues. So just from a consistency standpoint, I feel this is good. We need to upgrade, and if it's the newest technology, and if they're saying it works, and it's the direction we want to go in, you're the expert when it comes to this kind of area. So to me, it seems like a real no-brainer.

Chairman Clemons

Alderman Klee.

Alderman Klee

Yeah I want to echo what my colleague from Ward 1 had said. Being in Ward 3 and having been there at least one election past midnight because of machines and having to do a lot of hand counting and things like that, I do appreciate the newer machines coming for this next big election that we will be having.

Dan Healey, City Clerk

I just want to add too that the State first had demos on newer tabulators back in 2019. So the State's been looking at this for years. They had demos on these newer devices earlier this year. The sessions were open to the public. They're open to election officials. Some of the vendors are still having demos throughout the State so people can actually go and see these devices and see the demos happening. If they are approved, we're gonna have one of the things they offer is training for all the election officials on the newer tabulator too.

Chairman Clemons

Do you know - so assuming this passes the Board of Aldermen do you know what the first election might be that we would use it?

Dan Healey, City Clerk

It would be the State Primary. Currently, that's scheduled for September. There is some legislation right now up in Concord to move that date but right it would be for the election in September.

Chairman Clemons

Okay. So we wouldn't have it ready for the Presidential Primary unfortunately.

Dan Healey, City Clerk

We wouldn't have it for Presidential Primary because both vendors have until March 1<sup>st</sup> to get their full approval. So unless they get it earlier, we wouldn't have it.

Chairman Clemons

And to clarify that point, I imagine we wouldn't purchase anything until after March 1<sup>st</sup> until we...?

Dan Healey, City Clerk

Yes.

Chairman Clemons

Okay.

Dan Healey, Nashua City Clerk

So I've reached out to the vendor. I've gotten the quote and I've asked for 10 devices to be held pending Board of Aldermen approval and pending their conditional approval.

Chairman Clemons

Okay, perfect. Alderman Thibeault.

Alderman Thibeault

Thank you Mr. Chair. So being a previous Ward Clerk, I know how these older machines work and I certainly was grumbling many times because there was issues or we had to call the City Clerk at the time to come down and do something with it. So I fully support going to the newer technology and the newer device. Again like Alderman Gouveia said, I trust that you're the expert on these and if you're coming to us saying this is what's needed, I believe it so I'm going to support it.

Chairman Clemons

Yeah and just to leave my own comments, I support it as well. Reason being is, and I know that Alderman Klee kind of reassured me on this, but it's a State law that we have to have paper ballots. I think that's very important that you have that physical back up so knowing that, I can fully support this. Any other comments or questions?

**MOTION CARRIED**Chairman Clemons

Thank you Mr. Healey. Good luck tomorrow.

NEW BUSINESS – ORDINANCES - NoneTABLED IN COMMITTEE**O-22-031**

Endorsers: Alderman Derek Thibeault  
Alderman-at-Large Melbourne Moran, Jr.  
Alderman-at-Large Ben Clemons  
Alderman Alex Comeau  
Alderman Tyler Gouveia  
Alderman June M. Caron  
Alderman-at-Large Gloria Timmons  
Alderman-at-Large Shoshanna Kelly

**INCREASING THE VETERANS' OPTIONAL AND ALL VETERANS' TAX CREDITS**

- Re-tabled at 04/03/2022 meeting

PUBLIC COMMENTChairman Clemons

So before you start, you have 3 minutes. Just state your name and address and we'll start the clock. All right?

Wayne Saya

Okay. Right. Wayne Saya, 24 Cadogan Way, Nashua, NH. I was listening to the gentleman who was just speaking. First and foremost, the law that was referred to is a temporary law that was passed decades ago. One of the things that the New Hampshire high court is about to hear is with regard to whether or not the Ballot Law Commission has the authority to give municipalities these types of recommendations with regard to electronic machines. The reason because a case just came down from the US Supreme Court regarding North Carolina that prohibited and that challenged the effects of boards that go over the legislative intent when it comes to voting. It doesn't take away from anything else other than the fact of voting because voting is a federal issue as well. So when this municipality votes for something that only the federal requirements stipulate, that has to come from a State legislature now a municipality is getting involved in that and that's the issue that I had.

The final thing is that if they're not going to be purchasing the machines until March, there shouldn't be any problem with tabling this issue until after it's heard in the Supreme Court by the end of this month. So I would suggest that the Board at least reconsider their vote that was just taken and table it at least until after the case is heard up in Concord at the end of month and that way there you haven't designated any funds that now I don't know whether or not you can undesignate it from an account that it's going into. So therefore, there's no harm and it's a win/win for both sides to just table the issue until after the Court hears the case. At that point, you'll hear what's going on with the Ballot Law Commission and their recommendations to the nice gentleman behind me that the Ballot Law Commission doesn't have that authority and so that's where I'm coming from. I thank you very much for listening to me.

Chairman Clemons

Okay, thank you. All right is there anyone else who would like to speak this evening? Seeing none.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Chairman Clemons

I would just remind everyone tomorrow is Election Day. Please go out and vote. The polls are open in Nashua from 6:00 am to 8:00 pm so make some time and go out, and engage, and do your civic duty. Thank you.

REMARKS BY THE ALDERMEN - None

ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN GOUVEIA TO ADJOURN  
MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting was declared closed at 7:37 p.m.

Alderman Derek Thibeault  
Committee Clerk