

**Approved Minutes
November 15, 2016**

The 473rd meeting of the New Hampshire Police Standards and Training Council was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Chairman, Chief Anthony Colarusso, Jr., in classroom one at the Arthur D. Kehas Law Enforcement Training Facility and Campus in Concord, New Hampshire.

Members Present: Chairman Chief Anthony Colarusso, Jr., Dover Police Department, Judge Sawako Gardner, 10th Circuit-District Division – Portsmouth, Chief David Cahill, Sunapee Police Department, Deputy Attorney General, Ann Rice, Chief William Hart, Londonderry Police Department, Sheriff Douglas Dutile, Grafton County, President Susan Dunton, Community College System of New Hampshire, Major Russell Conte, New Hampshire State Police, Dr. Ekaterina Hurst, Paula Wall, and Vice-Chairman Commissioner William Wrenn, Department of Corrections

Members Absent: Sheriff David Dubois, Strafford County, Chief Enoch Willard, Manchester Police Department, and Justice Honorable James Carroll.

Staff Present: Captain Benjamin Jean, Captain Mark Bodanza, Chief Timothy Merrill, Captain Thomas McCabe

Call Meeting to Order

Chairman Colarusso called meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made to accept the Minutes of the October 25, 2016 Council meeting by Chief Hart. Following a second by Sheriff Dutile, the voice vote of the Council was unanimous in favor of the Motion.

Director's Report

Director Vittum indicated he will save the discussion for the end of the meeting.

Financial Report

Captain Jean indicated no changes in the last few weeks other than the new heater installed in Classroom 1. All other projects are moving in the right direction.

Chairman Colarusso welcomes Major Conte to the Council meeting on behalf of Colonel Wagner.

Adoption of Rules

Chief Merrill indicated that the rules have gone to the Joint Legislative Services and have been approved. Last month Council approved them and now the Legislative Services have approved them for adoption. Council just needs to adopt them so they can go into effect.

Motion made to adopt the rules so that they can go into effect by Deputy Attorney General Ann Rice. Following a second by Chief Hart, the voice vote of the Council was unanimous in favor of the Motion.

Chief Merrill asked that the Council choose a date for the rules to become effective.

Amended Motion made to adopt the rules effective as of midnight on November 15, 2016 by Deputy Attorney General Ann Rice. Following a second by Chief Hart, the voice vote of the Council was unanimous in favor of the Amended Motion.

Steven Puckett, New Hampshire State Police – Prior Training and Experience

Tabled from October 25, 2016 meeting

Commissioner Wrenn addressed the Council to ask if there would be an issue with him hearing this matter as he and Steven Puckett had a close working relationship when Mr. Puckett was assigned to the New Hampshire State Prison, and did not want to present a conflict. All parties agreed there was no conflict.

Captain Bodanza was introduced by Chairman Colarusso and gave background information regarding Mr. Puckett's law enforcement employment and PT&E. Mr. Puckett has been out for five years and 77 days, and Council guidelines recommend that he go through the full academy, whether full or part-time academy, since he has been out for greater than three years. Major Conte was present with Stephen Puckett to address the Council and seek an alternative solution to this situation.

Major Conte indicated that there are currently two auxiliary troopers that are assigned to the State House, which is funded by the General Court. There is some money given to the State Police, and the department provides for two troopers to be at the State House not only to assist with security for the building, Governor's detail, and the whole complex in general. Major Conte indicated that Mr. Puckett has done that job before and is very well versed in it.

Major Conte thanked the Council and listed the following background in support of Mr. Puckett's request to be certified:

- Was a correctional officer;
- Was in the uniform branch of the state and in that capacity acted as an instructor for many of the mechanics of police work.

- Acted as an instructor: defensive tactic instructor, firearm's instructor, baton instructor, taught use of force, all on the uniform side of the branch.
- Was a detective for State Police and is very well-versed in investigations, interviews and interrogation.
- Police officer with outstanding career and very well-respected who took part at a high level of training with other police officers.

Major Conte indicates that there is not a whole lot that Mr. Puckett has not done. He believes the mechanics of the job have not changed much since Mr. Puckett has been out of law enforcement, and the benefit of attending the academy would not be hugely beneficial. Major Conte understands the need for the law package and has no issue with that. Based on Major Conte's experience with Mr. Puckett, personal knowledge, experience, character, and his various employment, ability and diplomacy, he believes he is an asset as a law enforcement officer.

Chief Cahill asked Major Conte what type of certification he would be looking for and he indicated part-time would work. If not, he would request full-time certification. Chief Cahill asks what Mr. Puckett has been doing for the last five years.

Mr. Puckett introduced himself to the Council and said since retiring on June 1, 2011, he initially worked for his son getting a heating and air conditioning business going. He has been a self-employed carpenter, from 2013-2015 he held the position of Sergeant-at-Arms at the State House at the Senate, which was a part-time position, and he did private security work. Basically, however, Mr. Puckett indicated he worked as a self-employed carpenter.

Chief Cahill inquired whether since retiring he has taken law enforcement classes, or anything of that nature, as far as training.

Mr. Puckett indicated that aside from qualifying under 218, he had not taken law enforcement classes.

Commissioner Wrenn asked Mr. Puckett if it is true that he basically has attended two academies. Mr. Puckett indicated that he attended and successfully completed the 35th corrections academy back in 1990 and the 104th police academy in 1994. He also worked at PSTC instructing on defensive tactics, firearms, working for then Captain John Clark. He was an instructor for the corrections academy as well.

Council discussed if part-time, 1,300 hours, would be a problem for Mr. Puckett moving forward. Major Conte indicated it would be no more than 30 hours per week. Commissioner Wrenn brought up the point that Mr. Puckett has his retirement and cannot work more than 32 hours per week. Major Conte also indicated that he would plan on giving Mr. Puckett the equivalent of what people coming out of the academy receive such as patrol preparation training, technical training, OC, taser, and all similar training through headquarters, which usually takes about three weeks to get him back up to speed.

Director Vittum stated that the law package is the way to go, along with the additional training through the Department of Safety, and he would be cautious regarding part-time employment with the Retirement Board. Director Vittum has no problem with the plan in place and thanked Mr. Puckett for his service while at PSTC.

Motion made by Sheriff Dutile for Stephen Puckett to attend the law package, medical and PT testing, the same steps for someone going through academy to get certified as a full-time officer. Following a second by Chief Hart, the voice vote of the Council was unanimous in favor of the Motion.

Commissioner Wrenn reiterated that this would be upon successful completion of the law package, medical exam and entrance fitness test. Chairman Colarusso indicates that is correct.

Chief Cahill stated that he would caution the Council and will not support this Motion. He does not think it is consistent with what has been done in the past. Anybody who has come in front of the Council has not had five years or more out of the business and, if they have, they held federal jobs, training in law enforcement, and we have held that as a criterion to repeat. The answers Mr. Puckett provided today do not satisfy the matrix that we have used over the years. Chief Cahill cautioned the Council to start wielding the power that is the Council in making exceptions. He does not know how Council can justify making this exception. It is not the criteria seen in the past, no further law enforcement. People work with TSA and other federal agencies and then want to come back into it. He believes the Council is not setting a good precedent and cannot support the Motion.

Commissioner Wrenn indicated that with what was presented here today mitigates those concerns for him. Mr. Puckett has been through two academies at PSTC, taught classes at PSTC, rose to the level of Detective Sergeant and was assigned to Major Crimes. Commissioner Wrenn indicated there is enough there, and that making Mr. Puckett go through the full academy again frankly would be a waste of time. He agreed that with the laws that have changed through the years he should receive the law package training, and whatever else the State Police as an agency feels he should have to do the job. He supports the Motion.

Chairman Colarusso agreed with Commissioner Wrenn and reminded Council these matters are viewed on a case-by-case basis.

Chairman Colarusso asked everyone in favor of the Motion to raise their hand. Major Conte recused himself. Eight hands in favor of Motion, with Chief Cahill opposing the vote. The Motion passed.

New Business

Jennifer Watson

Chief Merrill indicated on the advice from Attorney Smith, this matter will be put off until the December meeting.

Timothy Connifey – Pol 402.02(a)(2)

Captain Bodanza introduced himself to Council and indicated that Mr. Connifey was noticed for the hearing but no return was received. Assumed he is still incarcerated and may not appear. Staff is prepared to present the case.

Chairman Colarusso swears in Captain Bodanza.

Captain Bodanza indicated Mr. Connifey was the Chief of Police, a certified police officer, for the Town of Bartlett, NH. He was also working part-time for the UNH Police Department and had pled guilty and was found guilty of a felony perjury and a misdemeanor charge of official oppression.

Mr. Connifey was noticed for the hearing today. (**Staff Exhibit A**) under 402.02(a). (**Staff Exhibit B**) shows that Mr. Connifey was hired as a part-time police officer for the Franklin Police Department back in April of 1982, which began his law enforcement career, and was certified as a part-time police officer by the Council in October, 1982 (**Staff Exhibit C**). Mr. Connifey was then hired by the Laconia Police Department part-time, and promoted to full-time, and certified in 1983 (**Staff Exhibit D, Form A, Laconia Police Dept.**) (**Staff Exhibit E**) is full-time certification by Council. (**Staff Exhibit F**). He was hired as Chief of Police of the Bartlett Police Department on January 19, 2002. During the time he left Laconia he held various positions within the state to include Milford Police Department, Newmarket and Chief of Police in Newfields, NH before becoming Chief in Bartlett, where he ended his career. PSTC also received a Form A from UNH Police Department in 2014 (**Staff Exhibit H**) that he was employed as a part-time officer with that Department as well. Mr. Connifey retired on July 15, 2014 and remained on as the Chief in Bartlett on a part-time status.

The Council will find in (**Staff Exhibit L**) that Chief Connifey responded to a motor vehicle crash in the Town of Bartlett as a police officer, on February 28, 2014. The crash involved a Kate Putnam and was significant enough to snap a utility pole, which she hit. EMTs were first to arrive, along with an officer from Jackson, who witnessed that Kate Putnam had signs of impairment and waited for the Bartlett Police Department to arrive while EMT's assessed her medical needs. Chief Connifey arrived on scene, assessed the situation and brought her to a nearby hotel to perform field sobriety tests inside of the hotel. A portable breath test showed a .67 BAC and determined that she was not impaired and released her with no further investigation. A couple of days later, the prosecutor for the Police Department, Janet Champlain, retired Captain from Portsmouth Police Department, currently serving as Bartlett Chief, brought charges against Ms. Putnam for reckless driving and unregistered motor vehicle. The charges remained in effect pending outcome and were, eventually, disposed of by Chief Connifey on June 24, 2014. Between February 2014 and June 2014, there was alleged contact between Chief Connifey and Ms. Putnam regarding their relationship and the disposition of this case which, in turn, through investigation by AG's office, found that Mr. Connifey did initiate an intimate relationship with Ms. Putnam while charges were pending, and ultimately had a direct benefit to reduce the charges, which he did, to have them placed on file, negligent driving under RSA 265:79, with no penalty or fine. The unregistered motor vehicle charge was disposed of. The Attorney General investigation brought Mr. Connifey and Ms. Putnam before the Carroll County grand jury and at that time it was also found that his testimony was not accurate because he could not have known that it was truthful at

the time and, therefore, the perjury charge came forth. Mr. Connifey was ultimately arrested for official oppression and perjury. **(Staff Exhibit K)** is a Form G received by PSTC from the Attorney General's office Council stating that on December 21, 2015, Mr. Connifey was arrested by their agency. **(Staff Exhibit M)** is a Form B indicating that Mr. Connifey had resigned during internal investigation by New Hampshire AG's office from the Bartlett Police Department dated January 14, 2015. **(Staff Exhibit N)** is resigned in lieu of dismissal from UNH Police Department on January 16, 2015. **(Staff Exhibit O)** is the disposition from the Carroll County Superior Court indicating that several of the charges first alleged against Mr. Connifey had been nol prossed but, ultimately, he pled guilty with the charge of felony perjury and sentenced to 12 months in the House of Corrections, all but 90 days suspended. The remainder of that sentence was suspended for three years upon good behavior. He also pled guilty to the charge of official oppression in which he was sentenced to 12 months, all of which was suspended for a period of three years concurrent to that of the felony sentence already read into record, and was sentenced on September 8, 2016.

Motion made by Chief Cahill for decertification based on the conviction of the felony and the facts presented, and to enter his name into the National Decertification Database. Following a second by Commissioner Wrenn, the voice vote of the Council was unanimous in favor of the Motion.

Deputy Attorney General Rice abstains from voting.

David Burris – Pol 402.02(b)

Chief Merrill indicated that the attorney for Mr. Burris had a conflict and asked for a continuance until December meeting.

Christopher Gilroy – 402.02(b)

Chief Merrill indicated that Christopher Gilroy is not working, is out on medical leave, and agreed to continue this hearing until the disposition.

Requests for Extensions

Consent Calendar

PT&E Requests

Brendan McKenney, Rye Police Department__ (DOH: 09/19/16) was granted consideration for full-time police officer certification based on prior training and experience upon successful completion of the medical exam, entrance fitness test, and the Law Package of the Full-Time Police Officer Academy.

Requests for Extensions

Note: Extensions granted until the first council meeting following the fitness testing for the requested Academy, and, if testing is successful, to the first council meeting following the end of the requested Academy.

(Extension Full-Time)

Evan Driscoll, Department of Fish and Game (DOH: 10/14/16 Not Part-time certified) was granted the extension until the first council meeting following the fitness testing for the requested academy, and, if testing is successful, to the first council meeting following the end of the requested academy with the stipulation that the officer must remain actively enrolled in the 172nd academy and may continue working only in the direct presence of a certified officer.

Jonathan Killam, Groton Police Department (DOH: 08/02/16 **Not Part-time certified**) was granted the extension until the first council meeting following the fitness testing for the requested academy, and, if testing is successful, to the first council meeting following the end of the requested academy with the stipulation that the officer must remain actively enrolled in the 172nd academy and may continue working only in the direct presence of a certified officer.

Mark Burch, Claremont Police Department (DOH: 10/10/16 **Not Part-time certified**) was granted the extension until the first council meeting following the fitness testing for the requested academy, and, if testing is successful, to the first council meeting following the end of the requested academy with the stipulation that the officer must remain actively enrolled in the 172nd academy and may continue working only in the direct presence of a certified officer.

Anthony Strout, Loudon Police Department (DOH: 10/04/16 **Part-Time certified**) was granted the extension until the first council meeting following the fitness testing for the requested academy, and, if testing is successful, to the first council meeting following the end of the requested academy.

Kaitlyn Barnum, Haverhill Police Department (DOH: 07/29/16 **Not Part-time certified**) was granted an extension until the first council meeting following the fitness testing for the requested academy, and, if testing is successful, to the first council meeting following the end of the requested academy with the stipulation that the officer must remain actively enrolled in the 172nd academy and may continue working only in the direct presence of a certified officer.

Patrick Cremin, Barnstead Police Department (DOH: 06/21/16 **Not Part-time certified**) was granted an extension until the first council meeting following the fitness testing for the requested academy, and, if testing is successful, to the first council meeting following the end of the requested academy with the stipulation that the officer must remain actively enrolled in the 172nd academy and may continue working only in the direct presence of a certified officer.

Michael Didomenico, Haverhill Police Department (DOH: 09/05/16 **Not Part-time certified**) was granted an extension until the first council meeting following the fitness testing for the requested academy, and, if testing is successful, to the first council meeting following the end of the requested academy with the stipulation that the officer must

remain actively enrolled in the 172nd academy and may continue working only in the direct presence of a certified officer.

Nicholas Kapteyn, Hooksett Police Department was granted an extension until the first council meeting following the fitness testing for the requested academy, and, if testing is successful, to the first council meeting following the end of the requested academy with the stipulation that the officer must remain actively enrolled in the 172nd academy and may continue working only in the direct presence of a certified officer.

Trevor Dearden, Hooksett Police Department was granted an extension until the first council meeting following the fitness testing for the requested academy, and, if testing is successful, to the first council meeting following the end of the requested academy with the stipulation that the officer must remain actively enrolled in the 172nd academy and may continue working only in the direct presence of a certified officer.

Joseph Walz, Pembroke Police Department was granted an extension until the first council meeting following the fitness testing for the requested academy, and, if testing is successful, to the first council meeting following the end of the requested academy with the stipulation that the officer must remain actively enrolled in the 172nd academy and may continue working only in the direct presence of a certified officer.

Jameson Young, New Durham Police Department was granted an extension until the first council meeting following the fitness testing for the requested academy, and, if testing is successful, to the first council meeting following the end of the requested academy with the stipulation that the officer must remain actively enrolled in the 172nd academy and may continue working only in the direct presence of a certified officer.

(Extension Part Time)

George McCarthy, Merrimack County Sheriff's Office (DOH: 08/25/15) was granted an extension until the first council meeting following the fitness testing.

(Ext Correction Academy)

Sean Thompson, NH DOC (DOH 07/22/16) was granted the extension until the first council meeting following the fitness testing for the requested academy, and, if testing is successful, to the first council meeting following the end of the requested academy with the stipulation that the officer must remain actively enrolled in the 104th Corrections Academy and may only work in the direct presence of a certified Corrections Officer.

Leandra Sosa NH DOC (DOH 07/08/16) was granted an extension until the first council meeting following the fitness testing for the requested academy, and, if testing is successful, to the first council meeting following the end of the requested academy with the stipulation that the officer must remain actively enrolled in the 104th Corrections Academy and may only work in the direct presence of a certified Corrections Officer.

Nicholas Patten, NH DOC (DOH 07/08/16) was granted an extension until the first council meeting following the fitness testing for the requested academy, and, if testing is successful, to the first council meeting following the end of the requested academy with the stipulation that the officer must remain actively enrolled in the 104th Corrections Academy and may only work in the direct presence of a certified Corrections Officer.

Sarrah Marshall, NH DOC (DOH 08/05/16) was granted an extension until the first council meeting following the fitness testing for the requested academy, and, if testing is successful, to the first council meeting following the end of the requested academy with the stipulation that the officer must remain actively enrolled in the 104th Corrections Academy and may only work in the direct presence of a certified Corrections Officer.

Anas Idrissou, NH DOC (DOH 07/08/16) was granted an extension until the first council meeting following the fitness testing for the requested academy, and, if testing is successful, to the first council meeting following the end of the requested academy with the stipulation that the officer must remain actively enrolled in the 104th Corrections Academy and may only work in the direct presence of a certified Corrections Officer.

Courtney Flores, NH DOC (DOH 08/19/16) was granted an extension until the first council meeting following the fitness testing for the requested academy, and, if testing is successful, to the first council meeting following the end of the requested academy with the stipulation that the officer must remain actively enrolled in the 104th Corrections Academy and may only work in the direct presence of a certified Corrections Officer.

Awess Abdulkadir, NH DOC (DOH 09/16/16) was granted an extension until the first council meeting following the fitness testing for the requested academy, and, if testing is successful, to the first council meeting following the end of the requested academy with the stipulation that the officer must remain actively enrolled in the 104th Corrections Academy and may only work in the direct presence of a certified Corrections Officer.

Requests for Specialized Training Grant Funds (Balance: \$4,785.56)

NH Division of Liquor Enforcement will be granted funds for Sgt. Christopher Hutchins to attend the FBI Command Leadership Institute, Gilford NH Police Department, from January 30, 2017 to February 3, 2017.

Ongoing Physical Fitness Testing

The following officers will be granted medical extensions for fitness testing:

Michael Hutchinson, Northfield Police Department

Jennifer Lemoine, Berlin Police Department

Gerald Brown, Lebanon Police Department

Tara Elsemiller, New Hampshire State Police

Mallory Littman, New Hampshire State Police

Jeffrey Ardini, New Hampshire State Police

Addendum #2, Adam Seligman, Northfield Police Department was granted a medical extension for fitness testing.

End of Consent Calendar

Motion made by Judge Gardner to approve the consent calendar. Following a second by Deputy Attorney General Rice, the voice vote of the Council was in favor of the Motion.

Commissioner Wrenn voted for all items that are non-Department of Correction items and abstained from voting on all Department of Corrections' requests.

Addendum #1, Border Patrol and Training for Law Enforcement Officers

Chairman Colarusso advised the Council that the law changed to allow federal law enforcement officers having limited abilities, primarily in the North Country, to become certified in New Hampshire.

Captain Bodanza introduced himself and indicated that in regard to the change in RSA 149-P, and amendment to RSA 594, specifically RSA 594:26, PSTC, the training for Border Patrol Agents is necessary. The law will become effective January 1, 2017. The staff researched Vermont's training curriculum, and New Hampshire will include extra language to incorporate scenarios that could occur as a Border Patrol Agent being the first responder in the North Country. He indicated that the time frame for training will be no greater than eight hours. The training is limited because the goal is to protect and stop imminent threats until other agency can respond and investigate. The Director indicated the course will be taught by a staff member and not a contractor.

Chairman Colarusso indicated there will be an option to tweak the curriculum if necessary.

Motion made by Sheriff Dutile to accept curriculum. Following a second by Major Conte, the voice vote of the Council was unanimous in favor of the Motion.

9:45 – Chairman - Break

10:00 – Chairman – Back on Record

Addendum #3 – Fitness

After researching what different states in the country require for fitness and curriculum of potential candidates, Director Vittum presented the changes that should be made to the fitness testing at PSTC. This was based on the research, number of qualified candidates, and failure rate of recruits. After a lengthy presentation, the Council voted, effective midnight, November 15, 2016, on the following changes:

On Motion:

- The bench press is completely removed from the entrance and exit fitness testing. This would also include the weighing in.
- The **Police Academy** Fitness Testing **entrance will remain at 35%**, age and gender normed, for the Sit-Up, Push-Up and Run.
- The **Police Academy exit will now be 35%**, replacing the past 50%.

In addition:

- The **Corrections Academy** Fitness **entrance test standard will now be 20%**, age and gender normed, replacing the 35% in past, for Sit-Up, Push-Up and Run.
- The **Corrections Academy** Fitness **exit test will now be 35%**, replacing the past 45%.
- The **Corrections Academy** testing will be studied for one year as a pilot.

There are no changes to the three year fitness tests. The changes are being made to try and mitigate the failure rate of recruits. Director Vittum indicated that the research was not a job testing analysis, such as with firefighters, who all take the same test which is not age or gender normed.

Captain Jean introduced himself and indicated looking at the last two years of the Academy's full-time and corrections recruits, there were 30 failures. Nobody failed push-ups, the bench press had a 7% failure rate, 1.5 mile run, 33% failed on run, and highest was sit-ups at 60%. He indicated that if a recruit fails any test, they go no further with the testing. Therefore, it is not known what a recruit would have accomplished beyond that.

Director Vittum indicated that researching the last few years, and making adjustments, is the way to proceed at this point. Looking at changes in society, we should look at changes here as well.

He also points out that the difference between Corrections Academy and Police Academy is 9 weeks versus 16 weeks.

Ms. Wall stated that it would be helpful for her, and maybe others, if there were a separate motion made to indicate that we are talking about two different academies with two different standards in the event an issue needs to be revisited in the future, there will be no confusion.

Sheriff Dutile indicates with that being said, his first Motion would be to adopt the changes the Director suggested for the police officer academy.

Chairman Colarusso indicated that would mean eliminate the bench press, 35% entrance and 35% exit.

Motion made by Sheriff Dutile to adopt Director's changes for the full-time police officer academy to eliminate the bench press from testing and use the 35 percentile for both entrance and exit fitness testing. Following a second by President Dunton, the voice vote of the Council was unanimous in favor of the Motion.

A second Motion was made to pilot a minimum of one year corrections study on a 20% entrance exam and a 35% exit, and eliminate the bench press, made by Ms. Wall. Following a second by Dr. Hurst, the voice vote of the Council was unanimous in favor of the Motion.

Director Vittum spoke to the Council regarding the future of the Academy and exploring accreditation, and realizes there are pluses and minuses to accreditation, as well as a cost

factor. He would like to ask Captain Jean to look into the cost factor of accreditation. It also will show how academy is run, academics, performance issues, PT testing, everything will be looked at. It would be a good exercise for this agency to go through. Director Vittum speculates it would take about two years at this point. PSTC would need professionals to come in and make recommendations, and he would like Council to allow him to look into that, along with the cost factor. It would also help from a training perspective. It does not mean the Council would have to adopt anything, but let us look at how other states do things.

Chairman Colarusso indicated that he thought it would be invaluable and supported the suggestion, and he is in agreement to explore the possibility. He indicated it is a very time-consuming process. Once you are accredited for the first time, it is every four years. Once accredited, the fee is about \$5,000.00 per year. Accreditation does not micromanage and tell agencies what to do. It keeps the agency out of trouble.

Chief Hart of Londonderry said there is no better way to self-reflect than accreditation. They still use all of the self-assessment tools used during accreditation process. Chief Hart believes that accreditation is a good thing, especially at this time when law enforcement is under a microscope.

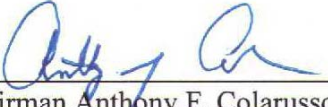
Motion made by Sheriff Dutile to allow Director Vittum to explore the possibility of accreditation. Following a second by Chief Hart, the voice vote of the Council was unanimous in favor of the Motion.

Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

The next meeting of the New Hampshire Police Standards and Training Council will be held on December 20, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. The usual e-mail reminders will be sent.

Motion to adjourn made by Deputy Attorney General Rice. Following a second by Judge Gardner, the voice vote of the Council was unanimous in favor of the Motion.

Respectfully submitted,



Chairman Anthony F. Colarusso, Jr.