



NEW HAMPSHIRE MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION

**2017
Legislative Preview:**



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How to Participate Today

- Open and close your Panel
- Submit text questions
- Q&A addressed at the end of today's session
- Two Pop Quizzes today



Today's Agenda

- **Review of State Budget Process**
- **2017 Legislation and NHMA Policy Bills**
- **Action Steps**



State Budget Process (7/1/17 – 6/30-19)



- February 9 - Governor's budget submission
- March 30 - last day for House to report budget bills
- June 1 – last day for Senate to act on all House bills
- June 15 – deadline for both House and Senate to sign Committee of Conference reports
- June 22 – last day for both House and Senate to act on Committee of Conference reports.

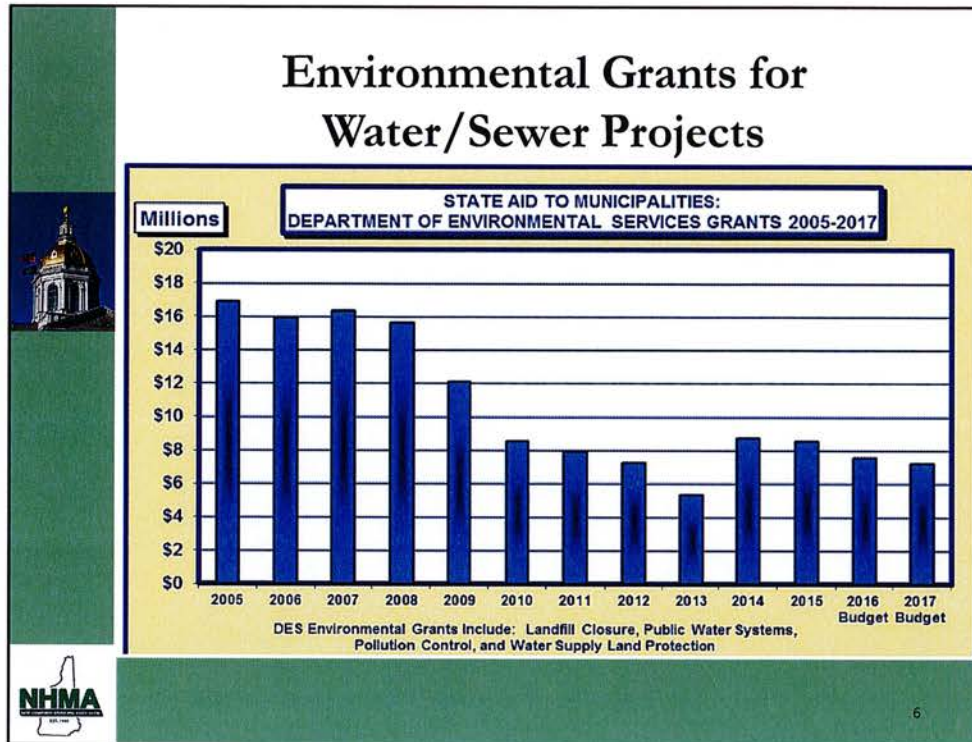


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State Aid to Municipalities

History & Trends





Current law requires state match of 20%, or in some cases 30%, of the costs towards water and sewer projects, paid over the financing terms of the project (usually 10, 15 or 20 years).

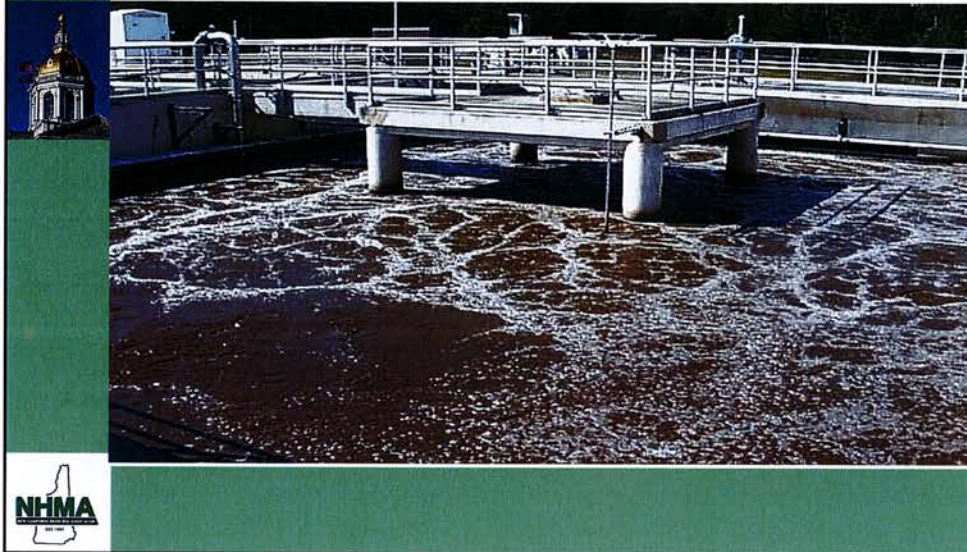
To address state budget reductions during the recession, from 2009-2013 funding for new grants ceased and projects were placed on a “delayed and deferred” list.

Funding was provided in the FY 2014/2015 budget to address projects on the “delayed and deferred” list. These were defined as projects that had received local financing approval (i.e. bonding or other loan authorization) before December 31, 2008, but were not yet receiving the state match. However, a moratorium was placed on funding for any projects that received local approval after December, 2008.

The House has funded the existing obligations, but continued the moratorium through June, 2017.

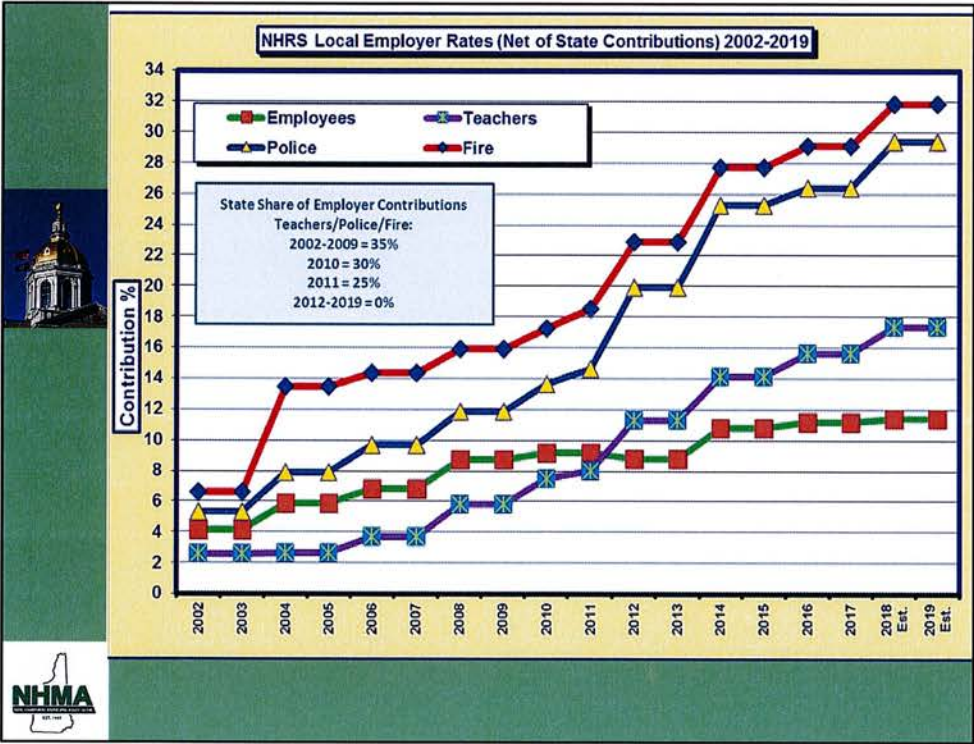
There are at least 60 projects – with post- December 2008 local approval – that would be eligible for state match in the upcoming biennium if the moratorium was lifted, for an estimate of \$7.1 million.

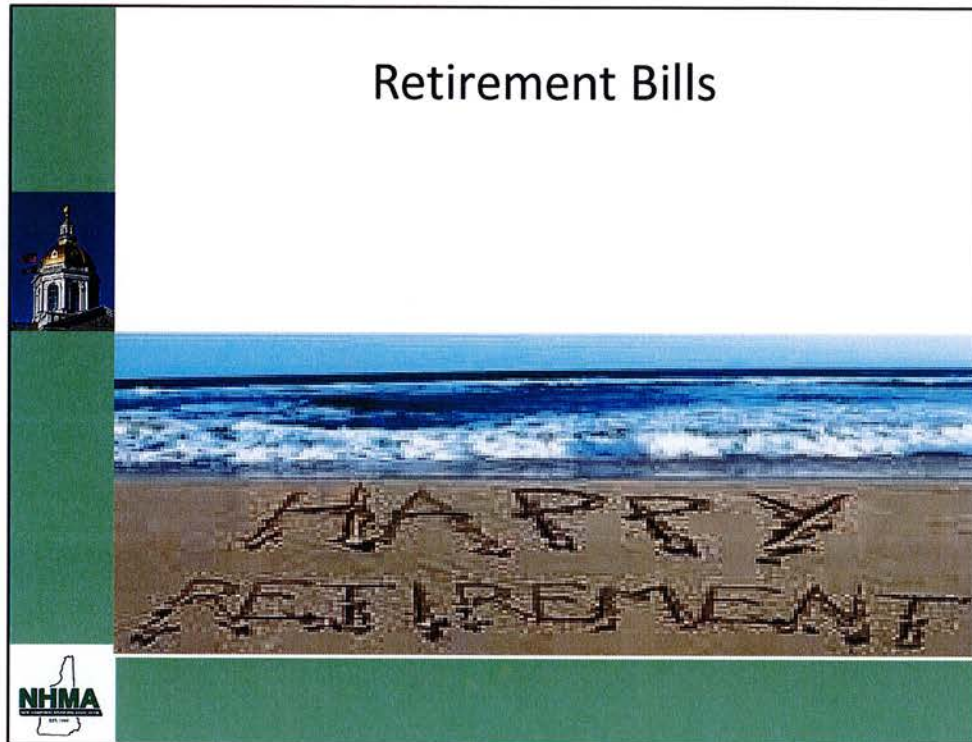
Environmental Grants for Water/Sewer Projects



HB 119 – funds 12 projects on the delayed and deferred list for \$2.2 million over the biennium.

SB 57 – funds 9 projects completed before the effective date of the moratorium.





HB 413 – stores a portion (15%) of the state contribution towards the retirement costs for teachers, police and firefighters. Would save local governments (cities, towns, schools, counties) approximately \$41 million per year.

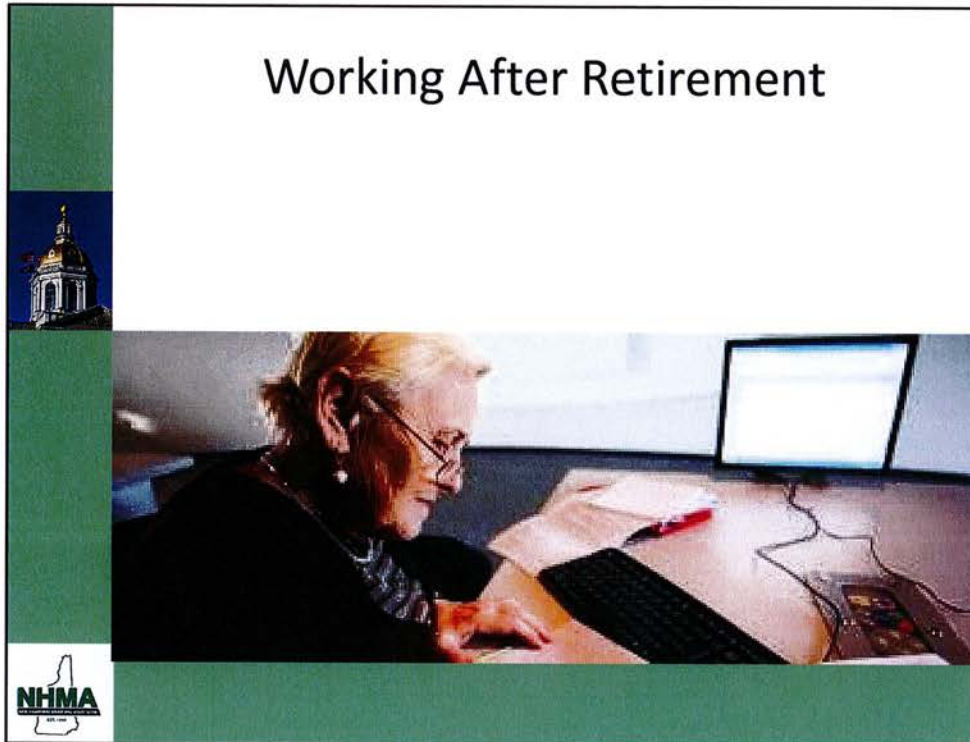
10-9 House Executive Department and Administration Committee vote of ought to pass.

Contact representatives now to urge support of committee recommendation!

If passed, then House Finance would review.

Governor's budget????

Working After Retirement



HB 542 – creates a fee for retirees in part-time positions

HB 543 - prohibits retirees from working part-time for former employer

HB 561 – creates 1-year waiting period before a retiree can return to part-time work, requires employers contributions toward the unfunded liability, and penalties.

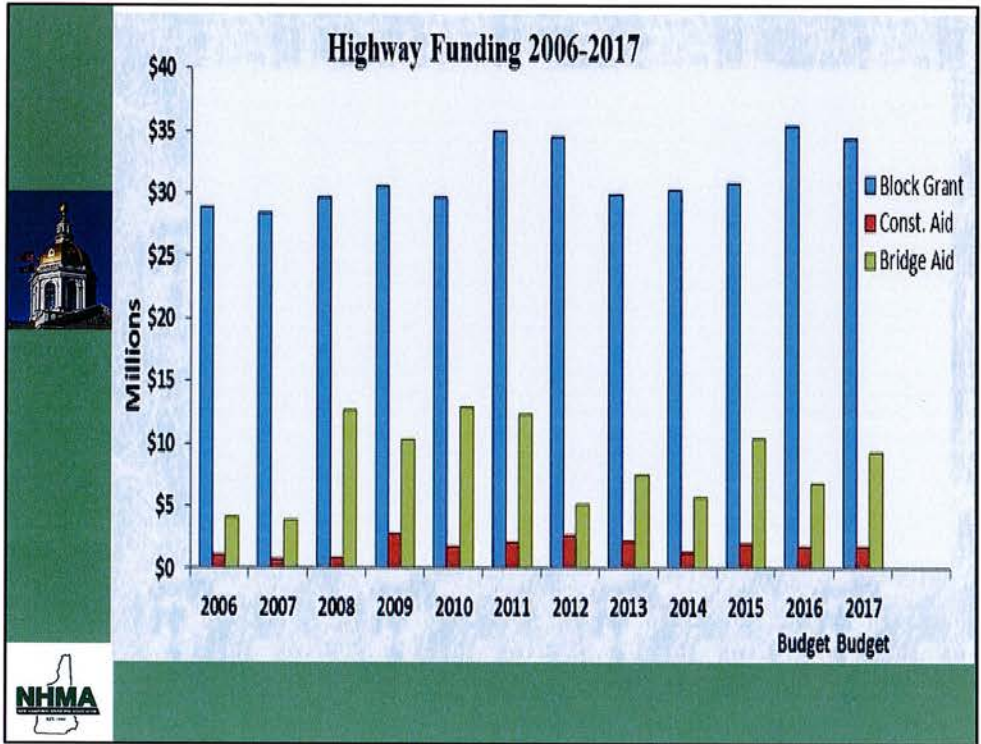
**9% (2,300) retirees working PT
Average <20 hours,
< \$500/week**



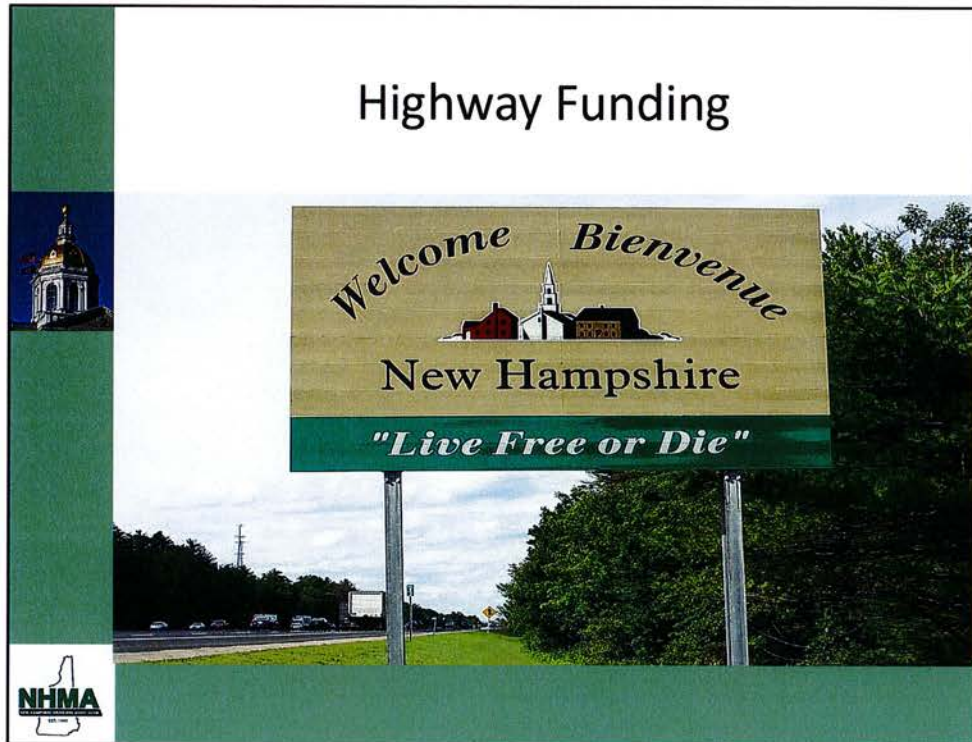
Of the following towns – Washington, Jefferson, Monroe, Jackson and Lincoln – which one was not named for an American president?

1. Washington
2. Jefferson
3. Monroe
4. Jackson
5. Lincoln





Highway Funding



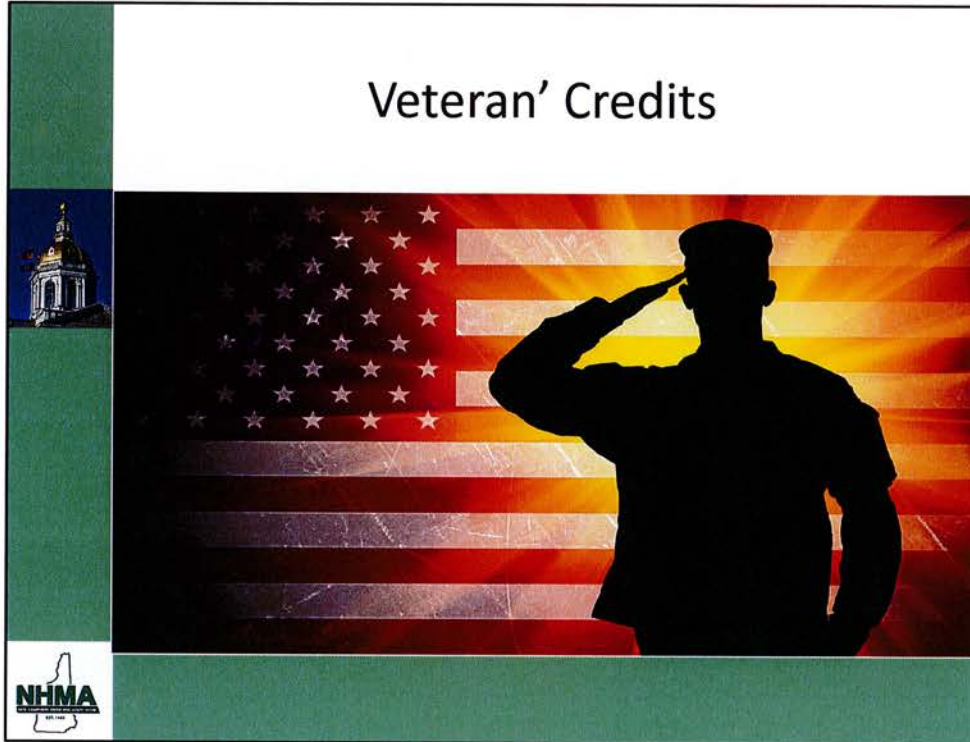
HB 121 – increase maximum optional fee for transportation improvements.

HB 570 – fleet vehicle registrations.

HB 579 – registration of semi-trailers

SB 178 – vehicle registration transfer credits.

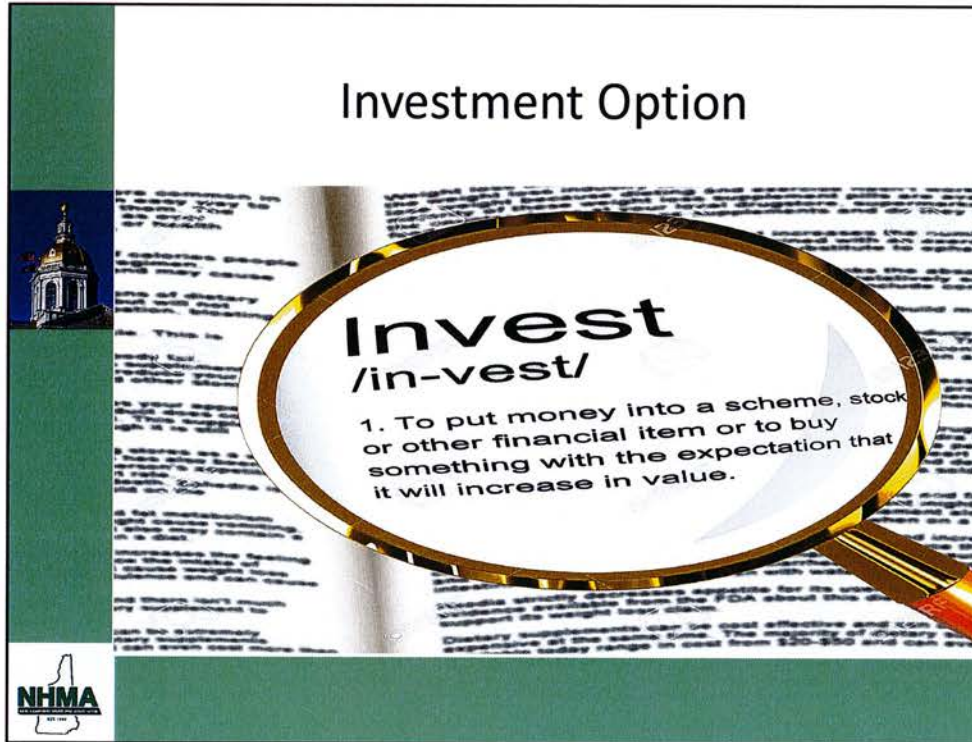
Veteran' Credits



SB 80 – phase-in of the “All Veterans’ Credit”

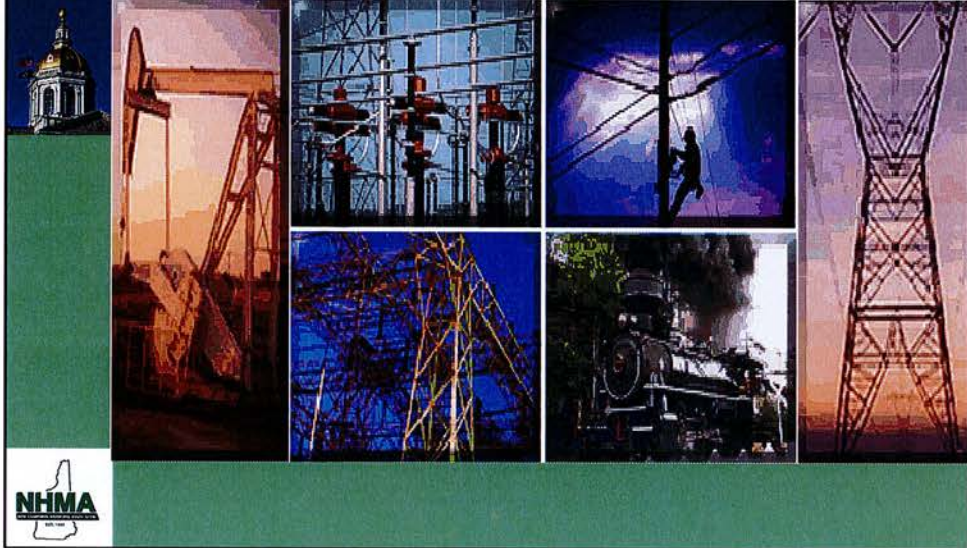
SB 168 – increase the optional amount of the veterans’ credit from \$500 to \$1,000

Investment Option



SB 72 – authorize NH Public Deposit Investment Pool (NHPDIP) to offer certificates of deposits.

Valuation of Utility Property



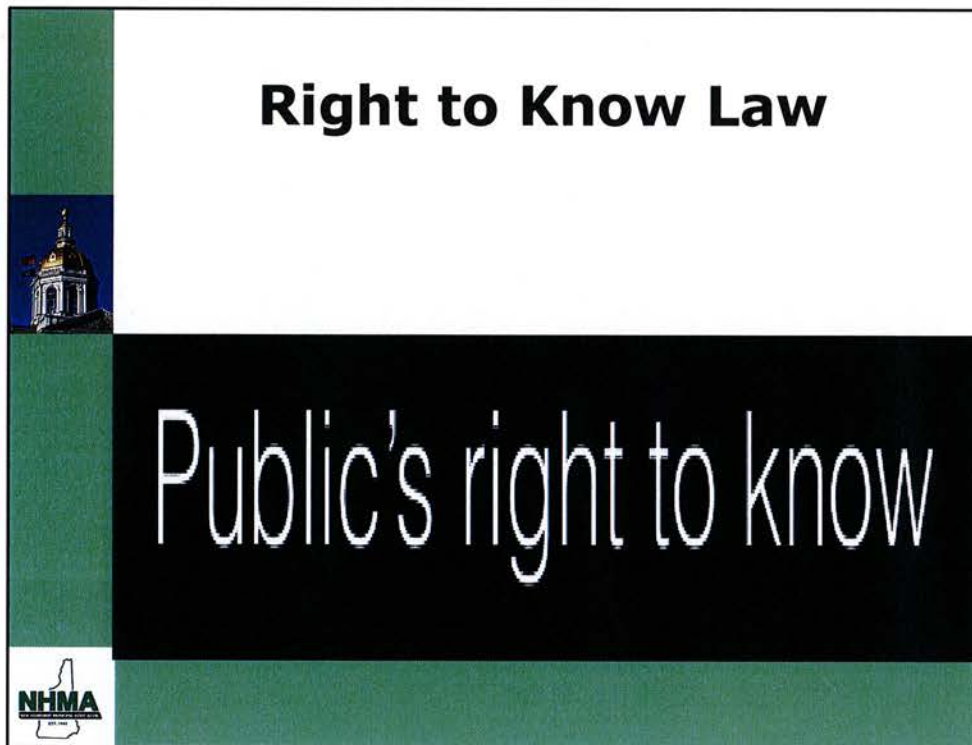
HB 324: relative to the valuation of utility property.

Assessing Standard Board



HB 254: relative to membership on the assessing standards board.

HB 323: relative to membership on the assessing standards board.



HB 365: relative to awarding attorney's fees under the right-to-know law.

HB 178: establishing a commission to study processes to resolve right-to-know complaints.

HB 524: remote participation in a meeting under the right-to-know law.



**What is the number of signatures
required on petitioned warrant article,
in most cases?**

- 1. 5**
- 2. 10**
- 3. 15**
- 4. 20**
- 5. 25**



Agritourism



SB 169: relative to the definition of agritourism.

Accessory Dwelling Units



Attached ADU above garage.



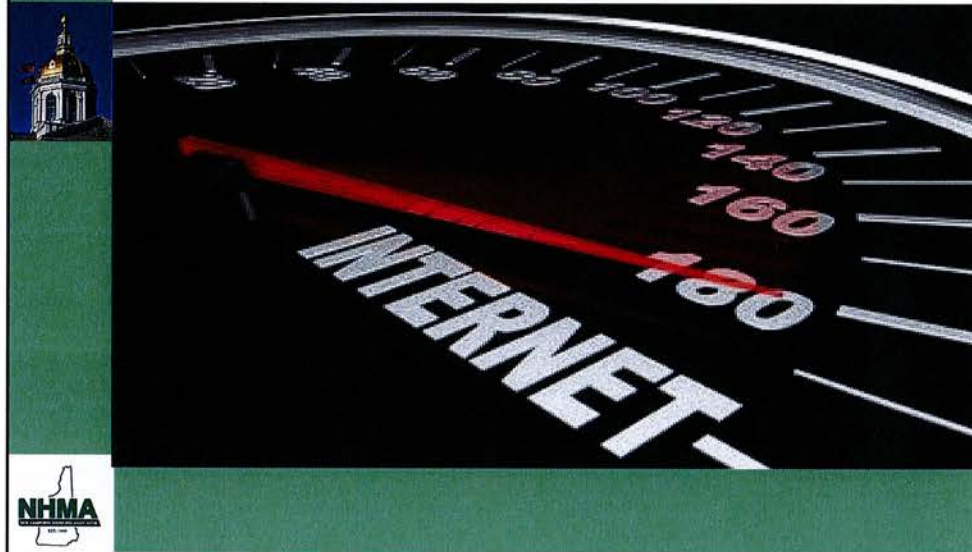
Detached ADU above garage.



HB 265: relative to accessory dwelling units.

SB 173: relative to the use of accessory dwelling units.

Bonding for Expansion of Internet Service



HB 191: relative to the authority of towns to issue bonds for the expansion of Internet service.

SB 170: relative to the authority of towns to issue bonds for the expansion of Internet service.

Perambulation of Towns



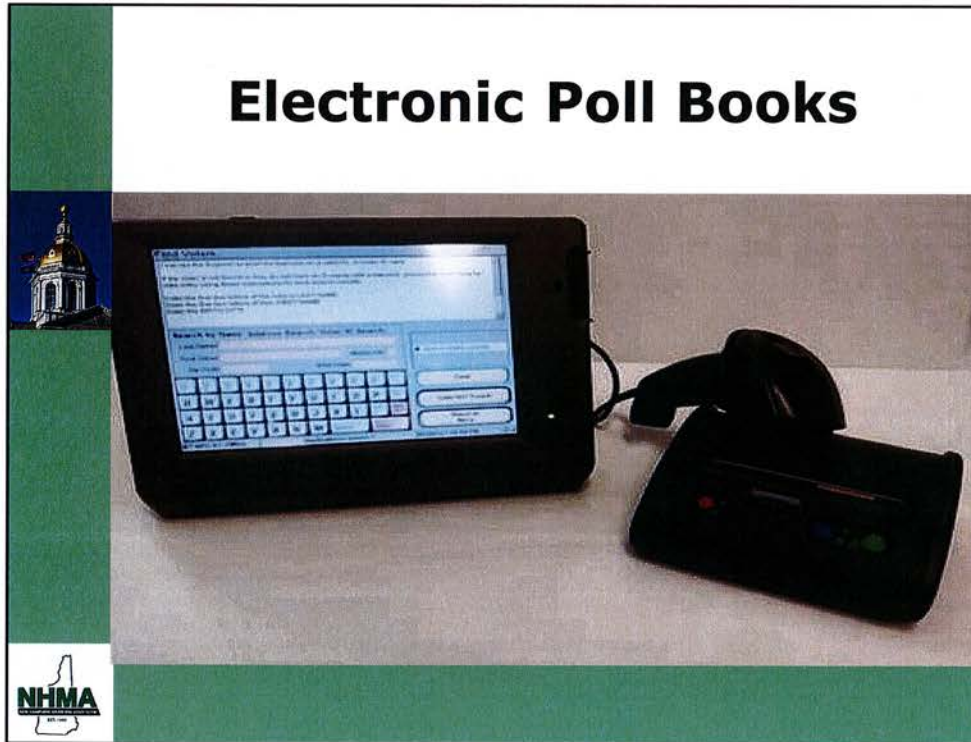
SB 171: relative to the perambulation of towns.

Permitting Charter Towns to Appoint a Town Clerk



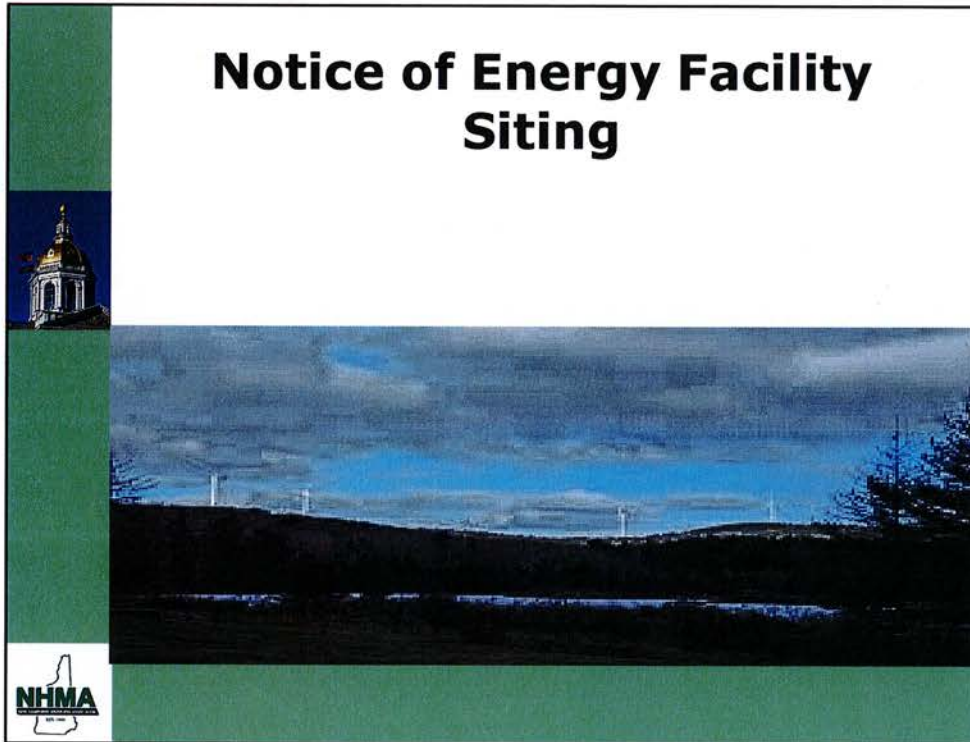
HB 325: permitting certain towns to appoint a town clerk.

Electronic Poll Books

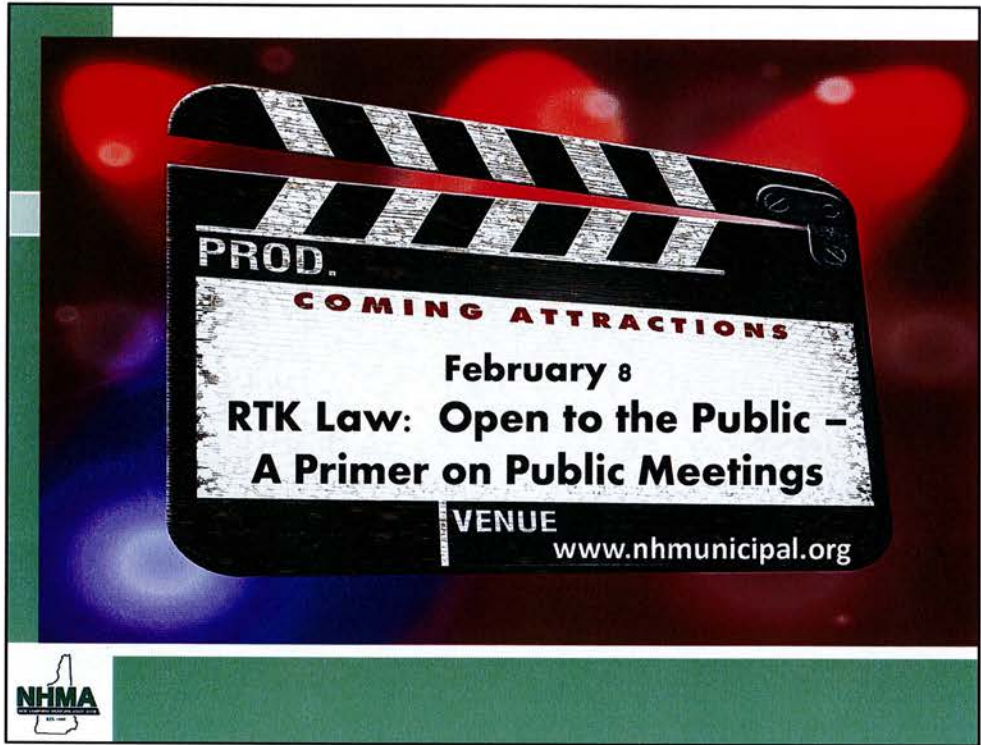


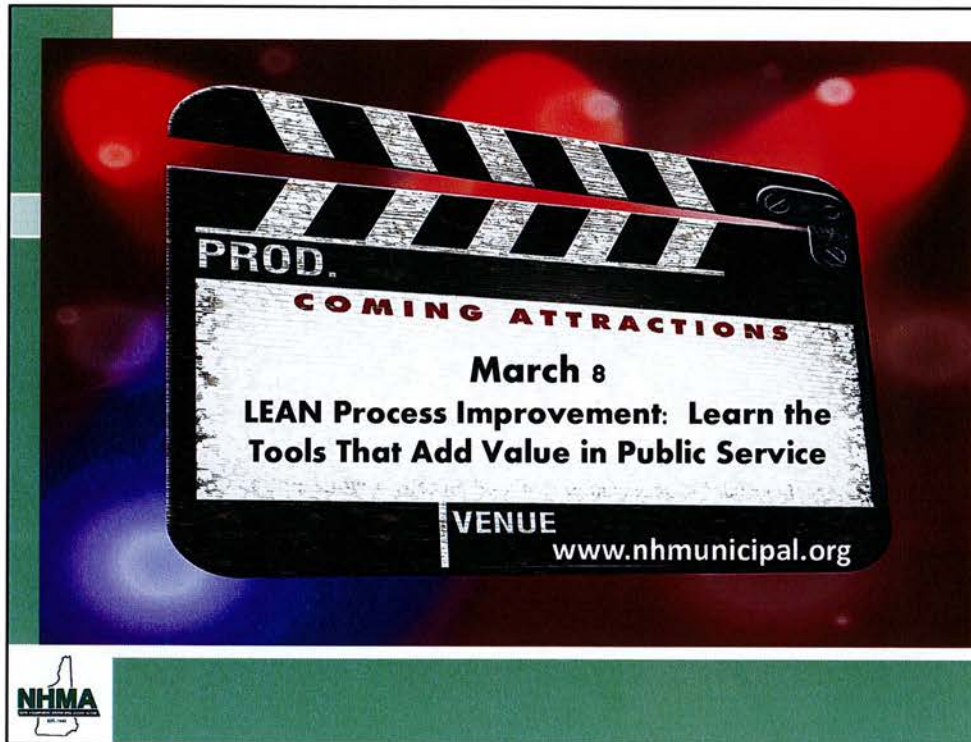
SB 113: relative to an electronic poll book trial program.

Notice of Energy Facility Siting



SB 116: requiring notice to affected municipalities of energy facility siting.





2017 Local Officials Workshops

Workshops for seasoned and new municipal officials and employees of New Hampshire Municipal Association member municipalities.



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9:00 a.m.— 4:00 p.m.
Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.

Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided.

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Attendees will receive a complimentary copy of NHMA's 2017 edition of publication, *Knowing the Territory*.

Dates and Locations

Thursday, April 13—Peterborough Recreation Center, Gymnasium

Wednesday, April 19—Grantham Town Hall

Thursday, May 4—TBD—Littleton Area*

Wednesday, May 10—TBD—Jackson Area*

Tuesday, May 23—Stratham Municipal Center, Room A

Saturday, June 3—NHMA Offices, Concord

*These workshop dates and locations subject to change. Please check our website regularly.

Register Today! No Registration Fee.

To register online, please visit www.nhnmunicipal.org and click on the Calendar of Events. Cancellation must be received 48 hours in advance. If cancellation is not received 48 hours in advance, NHMA will charge you \$20 to cover workshop costs, including meals.

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