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2016 Legislative Wrap-Up

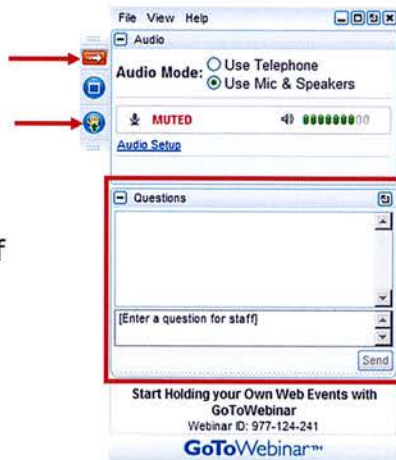
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How to Participate Today

- Open and close your Panel
- Submit text questions
- Couple of poll questions for your entertainment today
- Q&A addressed at the end of today's session



Today's Agenda

- **Quick Trip to the General Court Website**
- **Review of 2016 Legislation**
- **2017-2018 NHMA Legislative Policy Process**



Navigating the General Court Website: www.gencourt.state.nh.us



The
New Hampshire
General Court



Welcome to the Portal to the New Hampshire State Legislature!
Below you will find direct links to some of the more popular pages, use the menu to the left to navigate the entire site.

- 70th State Legislation
- House of Representatives
- NH State Senate
- Legislative Budget Assistant
- Legislative Services
- Legislative Ethics Comm.
- Visitors' Center - Book Tour
- Streaming Media
- Statehouse Public Conduct
- Other Pages of Interest
- ADA Compliance Notice



NH State Websites

General Court News and Hot Links

- Next House Session: April 6, 2016 at 10 am
- Next Senate Session: March 31, 2016 at 10 am
- Search Statutory/Study Committees
- ADA Compliance Notice
- 2016 Chaptered Final Version
- Legislative Financial Disclosure
- Joint Task Force on Heroin and Opioid Epidemic

State Legislation Dash Board

- Advanced Bill Search
- Quick Bill Search
- Bill Text Search
- 2016 Bill Requests(LSRs)
- Voting Records
- All Links
- Find a 2016 Bill (H&S: sb456)

House of Representatives Dash Board

- Continuing Education Series
- Find Your Representatives
- House Committees
- NH House Website
- House Calendars and Journals
- Link to House Budget Briefing Document
- Senate Amended House Bills

State Senate Dash Board

- New Senate Roster
- NH Senate Website
- Senate Calendars and Journals
- NH Senate District Maps



Municipal Liability



[HB 1687](#): provides that municipalities and school districts may be held liable for certain injuries resulting from the use of playground equipment. **KILLED**

[HB 1688](#): provides that municipalities may be held liable for injuries in negligence actions not arising from the ownership, occupation, or use of motor vehicles or premises. **KILLED**

[SB 421](#): Increases the statutory limits on municipal liability in negligence actions. **KILLED**

Land Use Bills



[HB 1203](#): requires a zoning board of adjustment to vote separately on each of the criteria for granting a variance. KILLED

[SB 345](#): relative to agritourism. EFFECTIVE ON PASSAGE (NOT SIGNED YET)

[SB 146](#): relative to accessory dwelling units. EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

Public Records & Right-to-Know Law



transparency



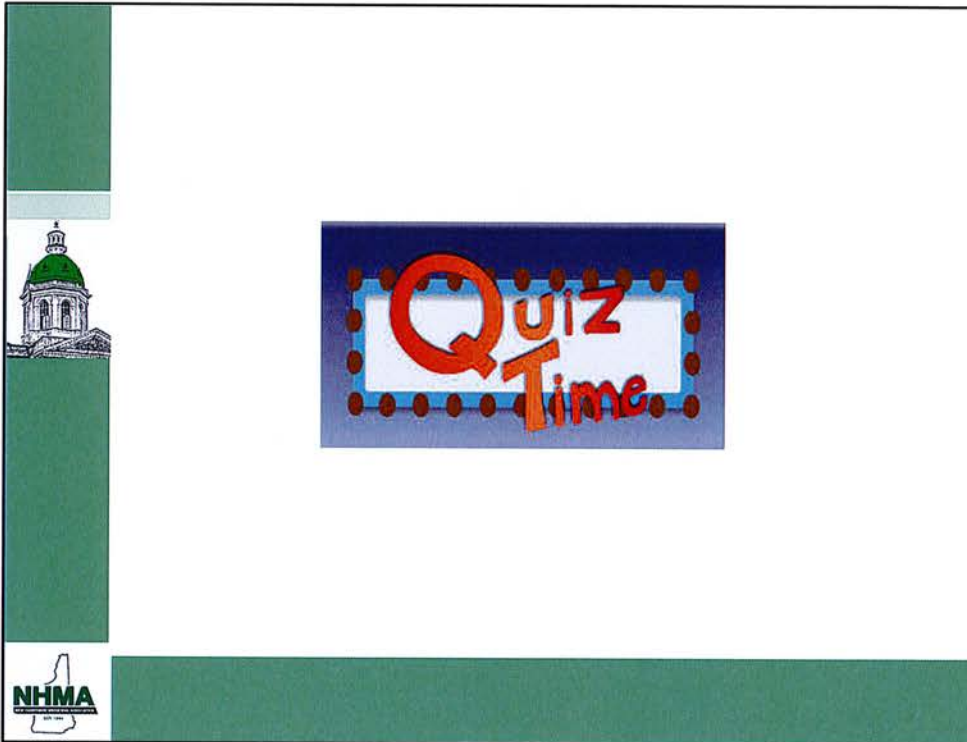
[HB 1395](#): allows municipal records that are required to be retained for more than ten years to be stored in a portable document format "on a medium from which it is readily retrievable," as an alternative to paper or microfilm. EFFECTIVE 60 DAYS AFTER PASSAGE. **NHMA POLICY**

[HB 1418](#): clarifies that the legal requirement for the contents of minutes apply to non-public minutes as well. EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1 , 2017

[HB 1419](#): requires non-public minutes to be kept in such a way that the vote of all members can be ascertained. EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE

[HB 285](#): allows non-public session to review written or oral advice received from legal counsel, even if he or she is not present. EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE

HB 606: prohibits charging for inspection or delivery of records without copying. EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE



The legislature this year passed a law that makes one of the following a crime. Which one?



- A. Bigamy
- B. Bestiality
- C. Necrophilia
- D. Adultery



Elections



[SB 346](#): requires that polling places be open at least from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for all state elections. **TABLED**

[SB 349](#): requires a city council or board of aldermen to elect someone other than the city clerk to serve as chief elections officer if the clerk is not a registered voter in the city. **KILLED**

[SB 509](#): requires Secretary of State to obtain input from supervisors of checklist about voters who voted by signing affidavit and did not return letter acknowledging that they voted. **EFFECTIVE 60 DAYS AFTER PASSAGE**

[HB 1534](#): electronic voter check-in pilot project. **KILLED**

Increasing Cap on Net Energy Metering



[HB 1116](#): relative to net metering. Increases statewide cap from 50 megawatts to 100 megawatts. EFFECTIVE MAY 2, 2016

Raising Revenue



[HB 1602](#): establishing a road usage fee. **INTERIM STUDY**

[SB 497](#): relative to disposition of meals and rooms tax revenue to municipalities. **INTERIM STUDY**

Note FY17 Meals and Rooms funding of additional \$5 million in December 2016.

Grants for Water and Wastewater Projects



HB 1428: appropriation for purpose of funding eligible and completed drinking water and wastewater projects under the state aid grant program. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016.

SB 380: establishing the drinking water and groundwater trust fund and establishing the New Hampshire drinking water and groundwater advisory commission. \$307 million in settlement funds of which 90% will go into the Trust Fund. Chapter 11, EFFECTIVE MARCH 31, 2016

Police Standards and Training



[SB 527](#): appropriation to police standards and training council. KILLED

[HB 1428](#): general fund appropriation for police standards and training. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

Bridge Aid



HB 2016: relative to the 10-Year Transportation Improvement Plan, additional \$2.5 million for municipal bridge aid. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

Valuation Formula For Telephone Poles & Conduits

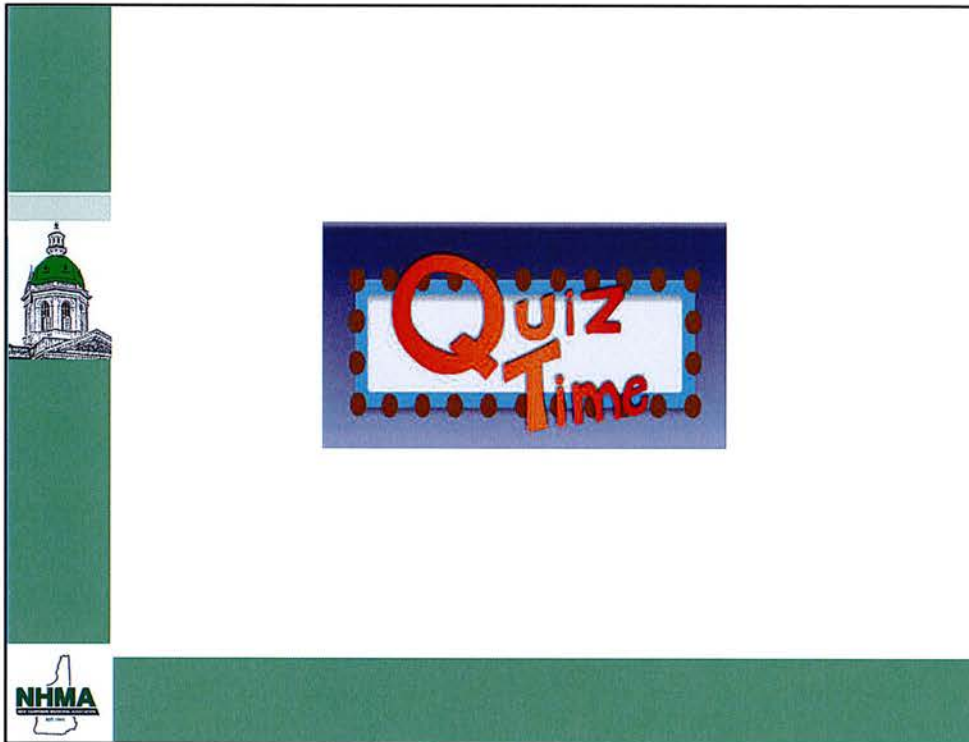


[HB 1198](#): establishes a valuation formula for telephone poles and conduits. EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2016

Medicaid Expansion



[HB 1690](#): extends the New Hampshire health protection program (expanded Medicaid). EFFECTIVE APRIL 5, 2016



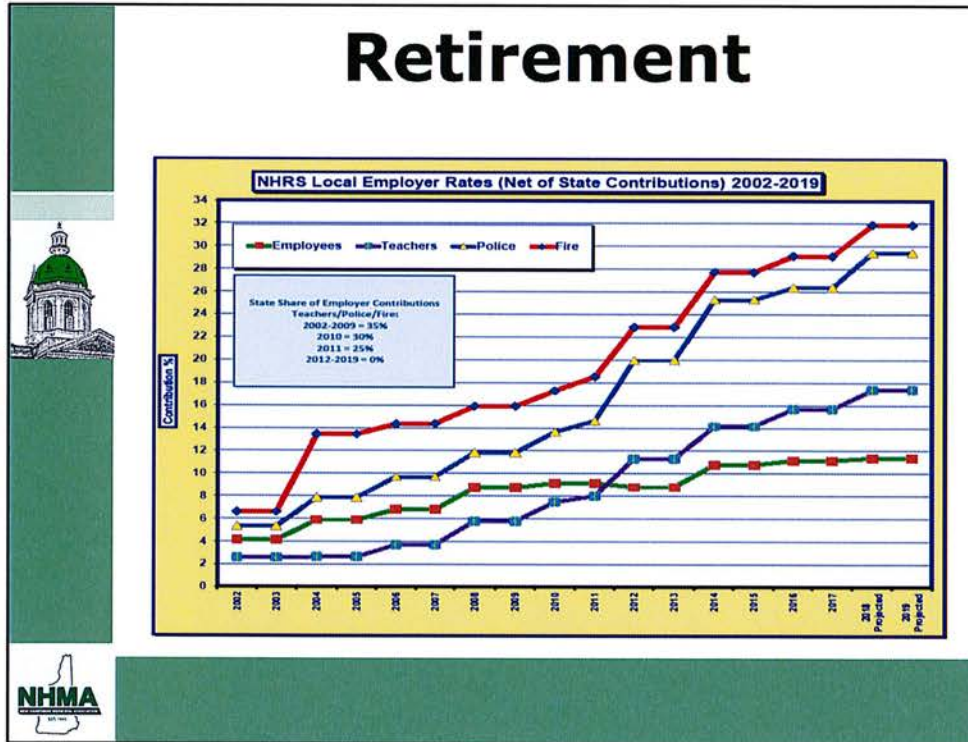
**Name the municipality in which
"Wonalancet" is located.**



- A. Tilton
- B. Tuftonboro
- C. Thornton
- D. Tamworth



Retirement



[HB 1673](#): establishing cash balance plans. **TABLED**

[HB 1449](#): additional temporary supplemental allowance for retirees. **INTERIM STUDY**

NHRS: 5-year experience study; decrease in assumed rate of return from 7.75% to 7.25%; impact on rates 7/1/17 – 6/30/19.

Tax Exemptions, Credits, Abatements & Assessing



[HB 430](#): extending veterans' property tax credit to all honorably discharged veterans. EFFECTIVE 60 DAYS AFTER PASSAGE

[SB 348](#): local option credit up to \$12,000 for disabled veterans. KILLED

Tax Deeding



[HB 1219](#): repeals the 15% penalty charged when a former owner repurchases a tax deeded principal residence from the town and reduces the penalty to 10% in all other cases. EFFECTIVE JULY 2, 2016

Special Session June 16, 2016 Granite Hammer Funding



[SB 485](#): grants to law enforcement to address opioid crisis and state retiree health care premiums. KILLED

NHMA's 2017-2018 Legislative Policy Process

Three Policy Committees:

- Finance & Revenue
- General Administration & Governance
- Infrastructure, Development & Land Use

Committees have reviewed policy proposals and made recommendations.

Legislative policy recommendations will be sent to members around June 20.

Legislative Policy Conference at NHMA offices on September 23, 2016.





A UNH Technology Transfer Center Workshop
A HARD ROAD TO TRAVEL
 8:30 A.M.—2:30 P.M.
JULY 13, 2016

NHMA OFFICES, 25 TRIANGLE PARK DRIVE, CONCORD

This class, hosted by UNH's T2 Center and presented by New Hampshire Municipal Association attorneys, Stephen Buckley and Margaret Byrnes, will address governance, regulation, maintenance, and liability issues related to public highways. The instructors will explain the legal process for highway dedication, acceptance, discontinuance, and layout. Then, the presentation and discussion will delve into the authority, responsibility, and limitations on road managers and other municipal officials involved with public roads. Specific topics include Class V and VI roads, municipalities, sediment weather maintenance and policies, winter roads, on-site roads, betterment assessment, emergency lanes, drainage, utilities, speed limits, weight limits, bonding, stone walls, tree cutting, and more.

WORKSHOP FEE: Municipal Rate is \$100.00 and the Private Rate is \$300.00. This price includes instruction, material, refreshments, and lunch. This rate also includes a printed copy of NHMA's 2015 update of *A Hard Road to Travel*. If more than one attendee is coming from a municipality or company, and the municipality or company only wishes to have one copy of the book, all subsequent attendees after the first will be charged \$60.00 (municipal) and \$150 (company).

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: This workshop is eligible for up to 5 Professional Development Hours (PDHs) and up to 3 Continuing Education Units (CEUs) through the University of New Hampshire. You do not need CEUs for the UNH Roads Scholar Program.

REGISTRATION: Please use one of the following options:

Online at www.t2.unh.edu/workshop-registration-form

Call T2 at 603-862-2826 or 800-423-0060 (in NH)

E-mail t2center@unh.edu (include name, title, affiliation, address, phone, and email)



AFTER RECEIVING CONFIRMATION:

Address check to: UNH Technology Transfer Center

Mail to: UNH Technology Transfer Center, 33 Academic Way Durham, NH 03824

CANCELLATION: If you need to cancel a registration, call the UNH T2 Center as soon as possible. We require at least 3 business days notice prior to the workshop to refund fees already paid, or for any charges to be reversed. Cancellations received after this deadline or "no-shows" at the workshop may be charged the full fee. Please know that you may send substitutions to the workshop without prior notice.



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