

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE

APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF SITE AND FACILITY
BY PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
D/B/A EVERSOURCE ENERGY FOR A NEW 115 Kv TRNASMISISON LINE FROM
MADBURY SUBSTATION TO PORTSMOUTH SUBSTATION

SEC DOCKET NO. _____

AFFIDAVIT OF BARRY NEEDLEMAN

I, Barry Needleman, being duly sworn, do under oath depose and state as follows:

1. I am a Director at McLane, Graf, Raulerson & Middleton, Professional Association, which represents Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (“Eversource”) in the above-captioned matter.
2. Eversource intends to construct a new 115 kilovolt (kV) transmission line, approximately 13 miles in length, between existing substations in Madbury, New Hampshire and Portsmouth, New Hampshire. The proposed facility will be located in the Towns of Madbury, Durham, and Newington, and the City of Portsmouth.
3. RSA 162-H:10 requires that Eversource, as an applicant for a Certificate of Site and Facility, hold at least one public information session in each county where the proposed facility will be located, at a minimum, 30 days prior to filing the Application with the Site Evaluation Committee. In addition, the statute requires that no less than 14 days before the public information session, the Applicant must publish a Public Notice in one or more newspapers having a regular circulation in the county in which the session is to be held.
4. The Statute further requires that not less than 10 days before such session, Eversource must provide a copy of the public notice to the chairperson of the Site Evaluation Committee.

5. In accordance with the Statute, the Public Notice for the Rockingham County Public Information Session was published in the New Hampshire Union Leader on April 3, 2015, the Portsmouth Herald, a newspaper of regular circulation in Rockingham County, on April 3, 2015, and Foster's Daily Democrat, a newspaper of regular circulation in Rockingham County, on April 4, 2015. Copies of the Notices of Public Information Session for Rockingham County are attached hereto as Exhibit A.

6. The Public Notice for the Strafford County Public Information Session was published in the New Hampshire Union Leader on April 3, 2015, the Portsmouth Herald, a newspaper of regular circulation in Strafford County, on April 3, 2015, and Foster's Daily Democrat, a newspaper of regular circulation in Strafford County, on April 4, 2015. Copies of the Notices of Public Information Session for Strafford County are attached hereto as Exhibit B.

FURTHER THE AFFIANT SAYETH NOT

4/7/15
Date

[Signature]
Barry Needleman

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
COUNTY OF MERRIMACK

Personally appeared before me this 7th day of April, 2015, the above-described Barry Needleman, and made oath that the statements contained in the within Affidavit are true and accurate to the best of his knowledge and belief.

[Signature]
Notary Public/Justice of the Peace
My Commission Expires: _____



EXHIBIT A

OBITUARIES

Thomas 'Skip' Heilmann

KITTERY POINT, Maine — Thomas "Skip" Heilmann, 62 of Haley Road died on Tuesday, March 31, 2015, at Maine Medical Center in Portland.

Born in Washington, D.C. on August 13, 1952 he was a son of the late Thomas and Marianne (Brown) Heilmann. He was raised in Maryland attending High Point High School. He proudly served his country as a member of the United States Airforce in Avionics serving his last duty station at PEASE Air Force Base in Newington.

While serving at PEASE he met and later in 1973, married his loving wife Christine (Simmons) Heilmann and together they made their home and raised a family in Kittery Point.

Skip worked at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard as an electrician for over thirty five years retiring in 2007.

He always enjoyed a good conversation with friends, walking, camping on Sebec Lake at the family camp, he dearly enjoyed time spent with his grandchildren playing at Mitchell School playground or at nearby Fort Foster, he also loved walking

with his dogs Maddy Mae and Precious Ross. Skip also loved Country Music and could often be heard singing along to his favorite songs.

Skip is survived by his loving wife Christine of Kittery Point, daughter Kim and her husband Robert Carlson of Ft. Leavenworth, KS, son Chad Heilmann of Texas, grandchildren Justin, Jason and Joey, brothers Harry and his wife Regina of MD, Richard and his wife Teri of NC, and George and his wife Suzanne of NC, sisters Susan Gray and her husband Shawn of NC, and Patricia and her husband Bill Penkala of MD, many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his daughter Melissa Thibeault in 2008.

Friends may visit with Skip's family on Monday from 12-2 p.m. in the JS Jewell Funeral Home, 125 Old Post Road, Kittery, Maine 03904, where a funeral will be celebrated at 2 p.m. in the funeral home with the Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Hoffman officiating. Online condolences may be left by visiting www.jsjewellfuneralhome.com. Care for the Heilmann family is entrusted to the JS Jewell Funeral Home.

Stillman E. Matott

CANTON, Maine — Stillman "Mat" E. Matott, a resident of Canton, passed away at his home Tuesday, March 24th with his beloved wife, Carolyn at his side. He was born on April 14, 1927, in Concord, N.H., the son of Faber Matott and Agnes (Matthews) Matott. He grew up in the Portsmouth and Rye Beach, N.H. area. He graduated from Portsmouth High School in 1944 immediately joining the U.S. Navy and served proudly from 1944-1953.

He served in World War II in Iwo Jima, Okinawa (POW 4 months), Nagasaki after the bombing, then on an expedition to Antarctica. He was part of the unit now called the Navy Seals. Very shortly after his WWII service, he was called into the Korean War where he served on a hospital ship docked in Korea that the wounded were brought to until the war was over. He was a lifetime member of DAV, American Legion Post 153, among others. Shortly after he returned from the U.S. Navy, he started working for the Public Service of N.H. at the Newington N.H. plant. He retired as superintendent in 1987 after 35 years of service. He then decided to go truck driving, long haul and local, moving to Maine in 1990. On April 23, 1995 in Canton, he married Carolyn Doherty. His primary interests were in sports, especially NASCAR. He was involved in many NASCAR races over the country with Rusty Wallace being his favorite whom he met several times. His teams that he loved were the N.Y. Giants, N.Y. Yankees, Boston Celtics, and Boston Bruins. He really

enjoyed visiting Quebec, Canada as he was a descendant of the Iroquois Indians and it was the home of Carolyn's relatives. He liked helping on the Old Canton School Activities Board. He is survived by his loving wife, Carolyn Doherty Matott of Canton; his son Michael Matott "Spider" of New Harbor, Maine; son Ralph Matott of Portsmouth, N.H.; daughter Dorothy Matott Ferrari of Hampton, N.H.; grandson Steven Ferrari of Hampton, N.H.; granddaughter, Gina Ferrari of Hampton, N.H.; beloved daughter-in-law Maureen Redden Matott "Beanie" of Marlboro, Mass., adoring granddaughters, Katie and Kelle Matott of Marlboro, Mass., much loving stepson Robert Dougherty and his companion Roberta Brown of Canton, Maine., much loving stepdaughter Alison D. Morin of Auburn, ME., and his sister Lorraine Matott Shaw of Sarasota, Fla., brother-in-law, Gary Dougherty of Canton; and many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by son Steven "Mouse" Matott, and former wife Barbara Hupper.

Funeral services with full military honors will be held at 10:30 a.m. on April 24th, 2015, at Canton United Baptist Church, Route 108, Canton, Maine 04221. Arrangements by Finley Funeral Home, 15 Church Street, Livmore Falls, Maine 04254. Carolyn Doherty Matott may be reached on 207 441-0482 or 207 441-7913. Messages of condolence may be sent to: www.finleyfuneralhome.com.

Dr. Melissa (Lisa) Spradley

PORTSMOUTH — Dr. Melissa (Lisa) Spradley, 58, of Colonial Drive in Portsmouth, N.H., died on March 27, 2015, surrounded by her loving family.

Born on October 17, 1956, in Charlotte, North Carolina, she was the daughter of Albert Spradley Jr. and Shelby (Caudle) Spradley of Wooster, Ohio. Lisa attended her early school years in Greensboro, N.C. She went on to earn her Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Texas Woman's University, and her Doctorate degree from Texas A&M University.

Lisa was a professor at Texas Christian University, Ohio Wesleyan University and Plymouth State University. She also held the position of Education Director at the Dallas Museum of Natural History. Lisa was a gifted and passionate educator who leaves a lasting impact on the thousands of students she encountered during her career.

She will be remembered for her love of science and nature, leading her

students on international service trips, her famous Cajun catfish fries, and her color coordinated outfits.

In addition to her parents, Lisa is survived by her partner, Judy Arnold of Portsmouth, NH; her sister, Michelle Morrison, husband Bill and their son Taylor of Wooster, Ohio; her nephew Matthew Morrison of Medina, Ohio; her sister Star Spradley of Austin, Texas; her niece Tiffany Rousell, husband Ryan and their children Britta and Bryson of Georgetown, Texas; her niece Amy Brown and son Noah of Carrollton, Texas; her goddaughter Jordan Coughlin of Athens, Ga.; her goddaughter Jerica Coughlin of San Antonio, Texas; and many friends in Dallas, Texas.

Donations in Lisa's name may be made to Amy's Treat www.amystreat.org and Beacon Hospice <http://www.beaconhospice.com>.

A Celebration of Lisa's Life will be held in May in Ohio. Date and location to be announced at a later date.

Shirley Irene Thomas

PORTSMOUTH — Shirley Irene Thomas, 85, of Cape Carteret, N.C., formerly of Portsmouth, peacefully passed away Tuesday, March 4, 2015.

Born in Portsmouth, June 7, 1929, Shirley was a devoted wife to her husband Donald, and loving mother to her children Robert, Karen and Jeffrey. She was employed by the Portsmouth Community Health Services as a homemaker and case assistant, from 1978 to 1988. When she moved to North Carolina, she was predeceased by her husband and

two sons. She is the daughter of the late William R. and L. Ruth Kellenbeck of Portsmouth. She is survived by her loving daughter Karen Lynn Kelly of Cape Carteret, N.C., Karen's husband Patrick, grandson, Donald Kelly of Honolulu, Hawaii, Donald's wife Ginny and her pride and joy, great granddaughter, Claire Noelle Kelly. She is also the "Auntie" of Gail Ann Thomas of Eliot, Maine, along with other nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be held in Portsmouth and will be announced at a later date.

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Legal Notice TOWN OF KITTERY PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
The Kittery Town Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 13, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 200 Rogers Road on ordinances authorizing bonding for capital improvement projects, not to exceed \$3,079,832.00, subject to approval at a Town referendum election to be held on June 8, 2015.

Legal Notice NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
On May 7, 2015, at 6:00 p.m., a Subcommittee of the Site Evaluation Committee for the State of New Hampshire will hold a Public Hearing at the Newington Town Hall Auditorium located at 205 Nimble Hill Road, Newington, New Hampshire on the Request of SEA-3, Inc. for an Exemption from the Approval and Certificate Provisions of RSA Chapter 162-H, regarding proposed improvements to property located at 190 Shuttuck Way, Newington, New Hampshire.

Legal Notice PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSAL LEGAL/PUBLIC NOTICE PLANNING BOARD TOWN OF STRATHAM
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on April 15, 2015 at 7:00 PM at the Stratham Municipal Center, 10 Bunker Hill Avenue, Stratham, NH to discuss a formal subdivision application to construct a 5-Lot subdivision submitted by Christopher M. Phillips, Trustee of Christopher M. Phillips Rev. Trust, 16 Patriots Way, Stratham NH, Map 17 Lot 1, and Copley Investments, LLC, 7 Charles Drive, Stratham NH for the property located at 1281 Portsmouth Avenue, Map 17 Lot 8. The Board will vote to accept the application as complete, and a public hearing on the merits of the proposal will follow immediately.

Legal Notice
The United States Environmental Protection Agency Announces the Beginning of a Public Comment Period for an Explanation of Significant Differences (ESD) for the Coakley Landfill Superfund Site in Greenland and North Hampton, New Hampshire
Boston — The United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) announces the beginning of a public comment period for an Explanation of Significant Differences (ESD) for the Coakley Landfill Superfund Site in Greenland and North Hampton, New Hampshire. The purpose of this ESD is to clearly define terms of EPA's remedy decision, known formally as a Record of Decision that was issued in 1990 for Operable Unit-1 (OU-1) and 1994 for Operable Unit-2 (OU-2). The public comment period will run from April 1st to April 30th, 2015.

Specifically, EPA is seeking public comment on the addition of 1,4-dioxane to the list of Contaminants of Concern, with the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) Ambient Groundwater Quality Standard (3 µg/L) as a performance standard for monitoring the presence of the dioxane at OU-1 and as a Cleanup Level at OU-2, as the contaminant has been detected in overburden and bedrock monitoring wells. EPA is also seeking comment on implementation of Institutional Controls on certain properties and the potential for Institutional Controls on other properties based on future sampling results from the Site's monitoring network. The ESD documents an expansion of the existing NHDES Groundwater Management Zone that occurred in January 2014 and changes to the Site's monitoring network. Finally, the ESD defines the approach that will be utilized to determine that groundwater Cleanup Levels have been attained, the groundwater restoration remedy is protective, and support for a determination that groundwater restoration is complete.
A copy of EPA's Draft Explanation of Significant Differences (ESD) for the Coakley Landfill Superfund Site and its Administrative Record, including the original Record of Decision along with other technical documents related to the Site are available for review on the EPA web page <http://www.epa.gov/region1/operunits/coakleyand> and the following locations:
The site information repository at the North Hampton Public Library, 257-A Atlantic Avenue, North Hampton, New Hampshire, Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9:30 am until 5 pm; Tuesday, Thursday, 9:30 am until 8:00 pm; and Saturday, 9:30 am until 2:00 pm. The repository is closed on Sunday.
The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Records Center located at 8 Post Office Square, Suite 105, Boston, Massachusetts. The Records Center is open Monday through Friday, 9:00 am until 5:00 pm; for an appointment to view the records at EPA's office please call at 617-318-1440.
Comments should be submitted or e-mailed by April 30th 2015 and sent to the EPA Remedial Project Manager at the addresses shown below.
For more information on EPA's Explanation of Significant Differences or cleanup of the Coakley Landfill Superfund Site contact:
Ms. Geraldine Remors Phone: (617) 318-1377 or
EPA Remedial Project Manager Fax: 617-318-2241 ext. 81377
U.S. EPA Fax: (617) 318-0377
Region 1, EPA New England E-mail: m28m-m28m.ecg.gta@doe.epa.gov
5 Post Office Square
Mail Code OSR07-1
Boston, MA 02107-3912

Legal Notice PUBLIC NOTICE
The New Hampshire Coastal Program (NHCP) is reviewing the following activities for consistency with its coastal policies:
• The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is proposing the Generic Accountability Measures and Dolphin Allocation Amendment, which includes Amendment 34 to the Fishery Management Plan (FMP) for the Snapper Group Fishery of the South Atlantic Region, Amendment 9 to the FMP for the Golden Crab Fishery of the South Atlantic Region, and Amendment 8 to the FMP for the Dolphin Wahoo Fishery of the Atlantic. The proposal would modify accountability measures for snapper group species and golden crab, and revise commercial and recreational sector allocations for dolphin.
• NMFS is proposing to amend the regulations implementing the Atlantic Large Vessel Plans. The proposed rule would modify the existing Plan to address safety and economic concerns raised by the fishing industry.
• The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is proposing to make repairs to the north jetty at the inlet to Hampton Harbor. The proposed work involves reconstructing sections of the jetty that were damaged during Hurricane Sandy to pre-storm conditions and authorized dimensions.
The deadline for written comments on the above proposals is April 17, 2015. For additional information please visit the NJICP web site at http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wmrb/coastal/public_notices.htm, or contact Christian Williams at (603) 559-0205 or Christian.Williams@des.nh.gov.

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE
Application of Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a EverSource Energy for a Certificate of Site and Facility for the Construction of a New 115 kV Electrical Transmission Line from Madbury Substation to Portsmouth Substation
Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a EverSource Energy ("EverSource") will hold a public information session to inform the public about the Seacoast Reliability Project and its Application for a Certificate of Site and Facility ("Application") to construct a new transmission line in the Seacoast region of New Hampshire. EverSource is proposing to build a new 115 kVolt (kV), approximately 13-mile transmission line between existing substations in Madbury and Portsmouth to ensure reliability of the area's already constrained electrical grid and meet the rapidly increasing demand for power on the Seacoast. The proposed facility will be located in the Towns of Madbury, Durham, and Newton, and the City of Portsmouth. The facility will also require an underwater crossing of Little Bay for approximately one mile and modifications to the substations in Madbury and Portsmouth.
EverSource will soon file its Application with the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee ("SEC"). RSA 162-H:10 requires that an applicant for a Certificate of Site and Facility file at least one public information session in each county where the proposed facility will be located, at a minimum, 30 days prior to filing the Application. In accordance with the statute, EverSource will hold one public information session in Stratford County (including the Towns of Madbury and Durham) and one public information session in Rockingham County (including the Town of Newington and the City of Portsmouth). At each session, EverSource will present information regarding the project and the public will have the opportunity to provide comments. The public information session will be transcribed and EverSource will generate a transcript of the session, which will be submitted to the SEC along with the Application.
The Stratford County public information session for the Seacoast Reliability Project will be held on Wednesday, April 22, 2015 from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Oyster River High School's Cafeteria, 85 Coe Drive, Durham, New Hampshire. The public information session will be directly preceded by an Open House from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM where project representatives will be available to provide information concerning the project and answer questions.
Questions can be directed to the Transmission Information Line at 866-926-5334 or TransmissionInfo@eversource.com.

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The Rockingham County public information session for the Seacoast Reliability Project will be held on Thursday, April 23, 2015 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at the Newington Town Hall Auditorium, 205 Nimble Hill Road, Newington, New Hampshire.
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OBITUARIES/NEWS

Marie E. (Aries) Littlefield

CHELMSFORD, Mass. — Marie E. (Aries) Littlefield, 95, of Chelmsford, Mass. died Monday, March 30, 2015. Retired claims specialist for Harvard Community Health of Chelmsford. Eucharistic Minister St. Mary's Church of Chelmsford. Widow of the late William Littlefield; Mother of William and his wife, JoAnne Littlefield of Harleysville, Pa., Elaine More of Durham, N.H. and Marilyn and her husband, Christopher Berkwood of Crestwood, Ky.; Grandmother of 9; Great grandmother of 12. She was the mother-in-law of the late Dominick More and Inge Littlefield and the sister of

Augustus Aries, sisters Sister Saint Theresa, Marlon Allen and Eleanor Mulvaney. Visiting hours Mon. 3 to 7 p.m. Funeral Tues. at 10 a.m. from the Dolan Funeral Home 106 Middlesex Street, Chelmsford, with a funeral Mass at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Church, Chelmsford. Burial in the Pine Ridge Cemetery, Chelmsford. Memorials may be made in her name to Camp Paul, 39 Concord Rd., Chelmsford, Mass. 01824 or to Circle Home Hospice, 336 Central Street, Lowell, Mass. 01852. Arrangements by Dolan Funeral Home 978-251-4041. Guestbook at www.dolanfuneralhome.com.

COMBAT GROUNDS

Russia's role in Ukraine seen shifting to training rebels

By Natalia Vasilyeva
The Associated Press

YENAKIEVE, Ukraine — On a recent spring morning, an important visitor watched Russian-backed rebels conduct infantry maneuvers in eastern Ukraine.

"The general is very pleased," rebel commander Oleg Cherny told his troops, referring to the figure in camouflage encircled by guards. The man — almost certainly a Russian military officer — became alarmed when he saw two journalists approach. His entourage shielded him — forbidding photos — and the group sped off in a motorcade, the "general" safely inside a black Toyota SUV with no license plates.

Nearly a year into the Ukraine conflict, the extent of Moscow's direct involvement has become clear: They may wear camouflage, but the Russians' presence in eastern Ukraine is hardly invisible.

At the same time, there has been a tactical shift apparently aimed at minimizing Russia's military presence, part of an effort to persuade the West to lift economic sanctions. Visits by The Associated Press to training grounds like those near Yenakieve and interviews with dozens of rebels reveal that Russian armed forces spearheaded some of the major separatist offensives, then swiftly withdrew.

More recently, as a shaky cease-fire has taken hold, Russia has kept fewer troops in Ukraine but increased rebel training, NATO and an independent London-based Russian scholar estimate that Russia has several hundred military trainers in eastern Ukraine.

Since hostilities began around mid-April last year,

the Ukrainian government and the West have accused Moscow of waging an undeclared war in Ukraine by sending thousands of troops to fight with the separatists and providing weaponry. At least 6,000 people have been killed on both sides.

While the Kremlin acknowledges that many Russians have fought as volunteers, it firmly denies sending troops or arming rebels.

Separatist fighters confirm that clothing and ammunition are among supplies they receive from Russia. "Yes, our brothers are supplying us — you know who," one fighter who uses the nom de guerre Taicha said at a checkpoint in the town of Krasny Luch. Most rebels won't reveal their full names for fear of retaliation against their families.

When the town of Debal'tsevo finally fell to the separatists on Feb. 19 after weeks of fighting over the railroad hub, the true victors were long gone.

"Our friends helped us," said Andrei, a fighter who fought in Debal'tsevo. Unlike his platoon, he had nothing newer than a T-72 tank, he said the Russians had modern T-90s. Like other rebels, Andrei would not give his last name because his family lives in a Ukraine-controlled area. Alexei, another fighter, became animated when asked about Russians in the battle for Debal'tsevo: "I'm not going to hide it: Russians were here. They went in and left quickly."

Igor Sut'yagin, a senior research fellow at the Royal United Services Institute in London, has spent months collecting evidence of the Russian presence in Ukraine, coming up with an exhaustive list of combat formations.

GOP 2016

Walker's Wisconsin still lags nation in job growth

By Scott Bauer and Nicholas Riccardi
The Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. — Scott Walker has transformed Wisconsin politics, winning three elections in four years and signing laws that weaken unions, crippling a key ally of the Democratic Party.

But the likely Republican presidential contender has had less success changing Wisconsin's economy and budget. The state lags in job growth and its budget faces a shortfall. It's a record that complicates Walker's path in early primary states as he sells himself as a reformer.

"Most of his activity was more politically focused than economically, job-creation focused," said John Tornius, a Milwaukee businessman and venture capitalist who nevertheless praises some of Walker's moves. "He was going to concentrate on job creation with a laser-like focus and he got distracted."

Wisconsin ranked 40th in private sector job growth for the 12 months ending in September, said the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Walker has called hiring in his state the "gold standard" for measuring his performance.

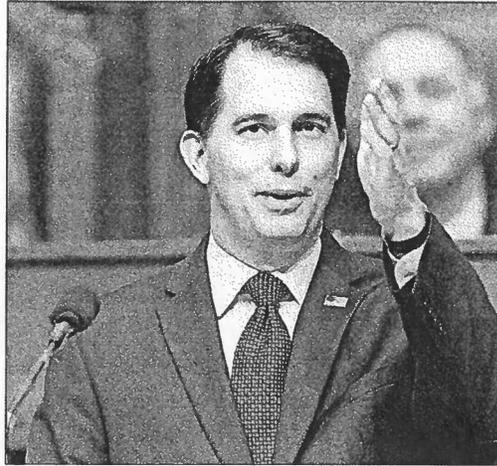
Still, there are positive economic signs Walker relies on to defend his record. Wisconsin's unemployment rate has dropped from 8.1 percent to 5 percent over his time in office. The state has seen a higher rate of new business starts starting than the rest of the country and income growth for Wisconsin residents has exceeded the national average.

Per capita income growth in Wisconsin exceeded per capita American income growth.

Walker "wasn't afraid to set big, bold goals to get Wisconsin back on track," said AshLee Strong, spokeswoman for Walker's political group, Our American Revival. "The governor is now taking his reform ideas that led to this economic success in Wisconsin and sharing them nationally."

Heavily reliant on manufacturing, Wisconsin has perennially lagged the nation in job creation and often used fiscal tricks to paper over budget deficits.

Walker vowed to change that when he ran in 2010. His most renowned move, just six weeks into his first term in 2011, was to curtail public unions' collective bargaining power while also forcing them to pay more for pension and health care benefits.



Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker acknowledges people in the gallery during the Governor's State of the State address to a joint session of the Legislature in the Assembly chambers Jan. 13 at the state Capitol in Madison, Wis. ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE PHOTO

At a glance

Wisconsin has added private-sector jobs at a lower rate than the national average since July 2011 — six months after Walker took office. Walker promised in the 2010 campaign that if elected his policies would create 250,000 private sector jobs. But only about 145,000 such jobs were created over his first four years.

Following weeks of protests, and the fleeing of Democratic state senators for three weeks to try to block a vote, Walker got his way. That drama, along with Walker's 2012 recall victory and other laws he's signed legalizing concealed weapons, requiring photo ID at the polls and last month's right-to-work law, are central in his stump speech as he presents himself as a man of action with a record of conservative accomplishments.

Other analysts question that, noting that Walker's union changes did save taxpayers \$3 billion in health and pension costs, translating into more money in people's wallets. On the trail, Walker emphasizes

those savings and about \$2 billion in personal and corporate income tax cuts he also signed into law.

Still, the state isn't on firm financial ground.

Last year, facing forecasts of a nearly \$1 billion increase in tax revenue, Walker and Republicans who control the Legislature passed an \$800 million tax-cut package. The state is on pace to collect only about half of the tax revenue previously projected, exacerbating the latest budget problem.

"We dug our own hole," said former state Sen Mike Ellis, a Republican, adding that he still thinks the fiscal picture is better than when Walker took office.

Heading into this year the state faced an \$800 million shortfall just to continue spending at the current level and \$2.2 billion when state agency requests were taken into consideration. His plan

calls for cutting education money and borrowing more than \$1 billion to pay for roads. The proposal has run into widespread opposition, including from Republicans.

Todd Berry, president of the Wisconsin Taxpayers Alliance, said Walker's initial budgets were responsible, but the more recent ones resemble those of his Democratic predecessor, Jim Doyle.

Berry said the state's lackluster jobs record shows Walker overpromised in the campaign. Governors, he noted, rarely have a significant impact on job creation. "This slow rate of job growth is nothing new," Berry said.

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Legal Notice
Stratford Metropolitan Planning Organisation
Policy Committee Meeting and
PUBLIC HEARING

Friday, April 17, 2015 9:00 – 11:00 AM
Stratford Regional Planning Commission
150 Wakefield Street, Suite 12, Conference Room 1A, Rochester, NH

AGENDA

1. Introductions
2. Staff Communications
3. Public Hearing
- 3.1 2017-2026 Statewide Ten Year Transportation Improvement Plan - Project Listing-End of Public Comment Phase
4. Action Item (a) – Motion Required
- 4.1 Approve 2017-2026 Statewide Ten Year Transportation Improvement Plan-Project Listing
- 4.2 Approve UPWP Budget and Scope of Work
- 4.3 Draft MPO Minutes of March 20, 2015
5. Discussion Item (a)
- 6.1 Complete Streets Sub-Committee
- 6.2 Citizen's Advisory Committee (a)
- 6.3 Complete Streets Sub-Committee
- 6.4 Park n Ride Toolkit-Pilot with Community
- 6.5 Rail Working Group (Bob Jaffin)
7. Other Business
8. Citizens' Forum – Citizens residing in the Stratford region communities are invited to speak once on the subject matter of this meeting's agenda. Statements shall be limited to three minutes.
9. Adjournment

Reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. Include a description of the accommodation you will need including as much detail as you can provide. Also include a way we can contact you if we need more information. Last minute requests will be accepted, but may be impossible to fill. Send an email to sprc@stratford.org or call 603-994-3500

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION
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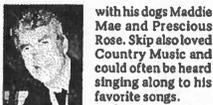
KITTERY POINT, Maine - Thomas "Skip" Heilmann, 85, of Country Road died on Tuesday, March 31, 2015, at Maine Medical Center in Portland.

Born in Washington, D.C. on August 13, 1929 he was a son of the late Thomas and Marianne (Brown) Heilmann. He was raised in Maryland attending High Point High School. He proudly served his country as a member of the United States Airforce in Avionics serving his last duty station at PEASE Air Force Base in Newington.

While serving at PEASE he met and later in 1973, married his loving wife Christine (Simmons) Heilmann and together they made their home and raised a family in Kittery Point.

Skip worked at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard as an electrician for over five years retiring in 2007.

He always enjoyed a good conversation with friends, walking, camping on Sebec Lake at the family camp, he dearly enjoyed time spent with his grandchildren playing at Mitchell School playground or at nearby Fort Foster, he also loved walking



with his dogs Maddie Mae and Precious Rose. Skip also loved Country Music and could often be heard singing along to his favorite songs. Skip is survived by his loving wife Christine of Kittery Point, daughter Kim and her husband Robert Carlson of Ft. Leavenworth, KS, son Chad Heilmann of Texas, grandchildren Justin, Jason and Joey, brothers Harry and his wife Regina of MD, Richard and his wife Teri of NC, and George and his wife Suzanne of NC, sisters Susan Gray and her husband Shawn of NC, and Patricia and her husband Bill Penkala of MD, many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his daughter Melissa Thibault in 2008.

Friends may visit with Skip's family on Monday from 12-2 p.m. in the JS Pelkey Funeral Home, 125 Old Post Road, Kittery, Maine 03904, where a funeral will be celebrated at 2 p.m. in the funeral home with the Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Hoffman officiating. Online condolences may be left by visiting www.jspelkeyfuneralhome.com. Care for the Heilmann family is entrusted to the JS Pelkey Funeral Home.

Stillman E. Matott

CANTON, Maine - Stillman "Mat" E. Matott, a resident of Canton, passed away at his home Tuesday, March 24th with his beloved wife, Carolyn at his side. He was born on April 14, 1927, in Concord, N.H., the son of Faber Matott and Agnes (Matthews) Matott. He grew up in the Portsmouth and Rye Beach, N.H. area. He graduated from Portsmouth High School in 1944 immediately joining the US Navy in which he served proudly from 1944-1953. He served in World War II in Iwo Jima, Okinawa (POW 4 months), Nagasaki after the bombing, then on an expedition to Antarctica. He was part of the unit now called the Navy Seal. Very shortly after his WWII service, he was called into the Korean War where he served on a hospital ship docked in Korea that the wounded were brought to until the war was over. He was a lifetime member of DAV, American Legion Post 153, among others. Shortly after he returned from the U.S. Navy, he started working for the Public Service of N.H. at the Newington N.H. plant. He retired as superintendent in 1987 after 35 years of service. He then decided to go truck driving, long haul and local, moving to Maine in 1990. On April 23, 1995 in Canton, he married Carolyn Doherty. His primary interests were in sports, especially NASCAR. He traveled to many NASCAR races over the country with Rusty Wallace being his favorite whom he met several times. His teams that he loved were the N.Y. Giants, N.Y. Yankees, Boston Celtics, and Boston Bruins. He really

enjoyed visiting Quebec, Canada as he was a descendant of the Iroquois Indians and it was the home of Carolyn's relatives. He liked helping on the Old Canton School Activities Board. He is survived by his loving wife, Carolyn Doherty Matott of Canton; his son Michael Matott "Spider" of New Harbor, Maine; son Ralph Matott of Portsmouth, N.H., daughter Dorothy Matott Ferrari of Hampton, N.H., grandson Steven Ferrari of Hampton N.H., granddaughter, Gina Ferrari of Hampton N.H., beloved daughter-in-law Maureen Redden Matott "Beanie" of Marlboro, Mass., adoring granddaughters, Katie and Kellie Matott of Marlboro, Mass., much loving stepson Robert Dougherty and his companion Roberta Brown of Canton, Maine, much loving stepdaughter Allison D. Morin of Auburn, ME., and his sister Lorraine Matott Shaw of Sarasota, Fla., brother-in-law, Gary Dougherty of Canton; and many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by son Steven "Mouse" Matott, and former wife Barbara Hupper.

Funeral services with full military honors will be held at 10:30 a.m. on April 11th, 2015, at Canton United Baptist Church, Route 108, Canton, Maine. Interment will be held at a later date at Pinegrove Cemetery, Route 108, Canton, Maine 04221. Arrangements by Finley Funeral Home, 35 Church Street, Livermore Falls, Maine 04254. Carolyn Doherty Matott may be reached on 207 441-0482 or 207 441-7013. Messages of condolence may be sent to: www.finleyfuneralhome.com.

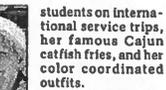
Dr. Melissa (Lisa) Spradley

PORTSMOUTH - Dr. Melissa (Lisa) Spradley, 58, of Colonial Drive in Portsmouth, N.H., died on March 27, 2015, surrounded by her loving family.

Born on October 17, 1956, in Charlotte, North Carolina, she was the daughter of Albert Spradley Jr. and Shelby (Caudle) Spradley of Wooster, Ohio.

Lisa attended her early school years in Greensboro, N.C. She went on to earn her Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Texas Woman's University, and her Doctorate degree from Texas A&M University. Lisa was a professor at Texas Christian University, Ohio Wesleyan University and Plymouth State University. She also held the position of Education Director at the Dallas Museum of Natural History. Lisa was a gifted and passionate educator who leaves a lasting impact on the thousands of students she encountered during her career.

She will be remembered for her love of science and nature, leading her



students on international service trips, her famous Cajun catfish fries, and her color coordinated outfits. In addition to her parents, Lisa is survived by her partner, Judy Arnold of Portsmouth, NH; her sister, Michelle Morrison, husband Bill and their son Taylor of Wooster, Ohio; her nephew Matthew Morrison of Medina, Ohio; her sister Starr Spradley of Austin, Texas; her niece Tiffany Rousell, husband Ryan and their children Britta and Bryson of Georgetown, Texas; her niece Amy Brown and son Noah of Carrollton, Texas; her goddaughter Jordan Coughlin of Athens, Ga.; her goddaughter Terica Coughlin of San Antonio, Texas; and many friends in Dallas, Texas.

Donations in Lisa's name may be made to Amy's Treat www.amystreat.org and Beacon Hospice http://www.beaconhospice.com.

A Celebration of Lisa's Life will be held in May in Ohio. Date and location to be announced at a later date.

Shirley Irene Thomas

PORTSMOUTH - Shirley Irene Thomas, 85, of Cape Carteret, N.C., formerly of Portsmouth, peacefully passed away Tuesday, March 4, 2015.

Born in Portsmouth, June 7, 1929, Shirley was a devoted wife to her husband Donald, and loving mother to her children Robert, Karen and Jeffrey. She was employed by the Portsmouth Community Health Services as a homemaker and case assistant, from 1978 to 1988. When she moved to North Carolina, she was predeceased by her husband and

two sons. She is the daughter of the late William R. and L. Ruth Kellenbeck of Portsmouth. She is survived by her loving daughter Karen Lynn Kelly of Cape Carteret, N.C., Karen's husband Patrick, grandson, Donald Kelly of Honolulu, Hawaii, Donald's wife Ginny and her pride and joy, great granddaughter, Claire Noelle Kelly. She is also the "Auntie" of Gall Ann Thomas of Eliot, Maine, along with other nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be held in Portsmouth and will be announced at a later date.

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The Kittery Town Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 13, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 200 Royal Road on ordinances authorizing bonding for capital improvement projects, not to exceed \$3,079,832.00, subject to approval at a Town referendum election to be held on June 9, 2015.

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Legal Notice PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSAL LEGAL/PUBLIC NOTICE PLANNING BOARD TOWN OF STRATHAM
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on April 15, 2015 at 7:00 PM at the Stratham Municipal Center, 10 Bunker Hill Avenue, Stratham, NH to discuss a formal subdivision application to construct a 5.41 acre subdivision submitted by Christopher M. Phillips, Trustee of Christopher M. Phillips Rev. Trust, 16 Patriots Way, Stratham NH, Map 17 Lot 1, and Copley Investments, LLC, 7 Charles Drive, Stratham NH for the property located at 122R Portsmouth Avenue, Map 17 Lot 6. The Board will vote to accept the application as complete, and a public hearing on the merits of the proposal will follow immediately.

Legal Notice
The United States Environmental Protection Agency Announces the Beginning of a Public Comment Period for an Explanation of Significant Differences (ESD) for the Coakley Landfill Superfund Site in Greenland and North Hampton, New Hampshire
Boston—The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced today the beginning of a public comment period for an Explanation of Significant Differences (ESD) for the Coakley Landfill Superfund Site in Greenland and North Hampton, New Hampshire. The purpose of this ESD is to clarify certain terms of EPA's remedy decision, known formally as a Record of Decision that was issued in 1990 for Operable Unit-1 (OU-1) and 1994 for Operable Unit-2 (OU-2). The public comment period will run from April 15 to April 30th, 2015.

Specifically, EPA is seeking public comment on the addition of 14-Classes to the list of Contaminants of Concern, with the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) Ambient Groundwater Quality Standard (39)µg/L as a performance standard for monitoring the protectiveness of the remedy at OU-1 and 2, and Cleanup Level at OU-2. As this contaminant has been detected in overflows and behind monitoring wells, EPA is also seeking comment on implementation of Institutional Controls on certain properties and the potential for Institutional Controls on other properties based on future sampling results from the Site's monitoring network. The ESD documents an expansion of the existing NHDES Groundwater Management Zone that occurred in January 2015 and changes to the Site's monitoring network. Finally, the ESD clarifies the approach that will be utilized to determine groundwater Cleanup Levels have been attained, the groundwater restoration remedy is protective, and support for a determination that groundwater restoration is complete.

A copy of EPA's Draft Explanation of Significant Differences (ESD) for the Coakley Landfill Superfund Site and its Administrative Record, including the original Record of Decision along with other technical documents related to the Site are available for review on the EPA web page: http://www.epa.gov/regional/upper/ndh/coakley/. The site information repository at the North Hampton Public Library, 237-A Atlantic Avenue, North Hampton, New Hampshire, 02862, is open Monday through Friday, 9:00 am until 5:00 pm; on Tuesday, Thursday, 9:30 am until 6:00 pm; and Saturday, 9:30 am until 2:00 pm. The repository is closed on Sunday. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Records Center located at 8 Paul Otlet Square, Suite 100, Boston, Massachusetts 02114, Records Center is open Monday through Friday, 9:00 am until 5:00 pm; for an appointment to view the records at EPA's office please call at 617-918-1440. Comments should be submitted or emailed by April 30th, 2015 and sent to the EPA Remedial Project Manager at the addresses shown below. For more information on EPA's Explanation of Significant Differences or cleanup of the Coakley Landfill Superfund Site contact:
Ms. Gerardo Melan-Ramos Phone (617)918-1377 or
EPA Remedial Project Manager Fax: (617)918-3721 ext. 81377
U.S. EPA Email: (617)918-3277
Region I, EPA New England Fax: (617)918-3277
3 Post Office Square Email: mlan-ramos.gar00@epa.gov
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Boston, MA 02109-3012

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Marie E. (Aries) Littlefield

CHELMSFORD, Mass. — Marie E. (Aries) Littlefield, 95, of Chelmsford, Mass. died Monday, March 30, 2015. Retired claims specialist for Harvard Community Health of Chelmsford. Eucharistic Minister St. Mary's Church of Chelmsford. Widow of the late William Littlefield; Mother of William and his wife, JoAnne Littlefield of Harleysville, Pa., Elaine More of Durham, N.H. and Marilyn and her husband, Christopher Berwick of Crestwood, Ky.; Grandmother of 9; Great grandmother of 12. She was the mother-in-law of the late Dominick More and Inge Littlefield and the sister of

Augustus Aries, sisters Sister Saint Theresa, Marion Allen and Eleanor Mulvaney. Visiting hours from 3 to 7 p.m. Funeral Tues. at 10 a.m. from the Dolan Funeral Home 106 Middlesex Street, Chelmsford, with a funeral Mass at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Church, Chelmsford. Burial in the Pine Ridge Cemetery, Chelmsford. Memorials may be made in her name to Camp Paul, 39 Concord Rd., Chelmsford, Mass. 01824 or to Circle Home Hospice, 336 Central Street, Lowell, Mass. 01852. Arrangements by Dolan Funeral Home 978-251-4041. Guestbook at www.dolanfuneralhome.com.

COMBAT GROUNDS Russia's role in Ukraine seen shifting to training rebels

By Nataliya Vasilyeva
The Associated Press

YENAKHEYEVE, Ukraine — On a recent spring morning, an important visitor watched Russian-backed rebels conduct infantry maneuvers in eastern Ukraine. "The general is very pleased," rebel commander Ostop Cherny told his troops, referring to the figure in camouflage encircled by guards. The man — almost certainly a Russian military officer — became alarmed when he saw two journalists approach. His entourage shielded him — forbidding photos — and the group sped off in a motorcade, the "general" safely inside a black Toyota SUV with no license plates.

Nearly a year into the Ukraine conflict, the extent of Moscow's direct involvement has become clear: They may wear camouflage, but the Russians' presence in eastern Ukraine is hardly invisible. At the same time, there has been a tactical shift apparently aimed at minimizing Russia's military presence, part of an effort to persuade the West to lift economic sanctions. Visits by The Associated Press to training grounds like those near Yenakheyev and interviews with dozens of rebels reveal that Russian armed forces spearheaded some of the major separatist offensives, then swiftly withdrew.

More recently, as a shaky cease-fire has taken hold, Russia has kept fewer troops in Ukraine but increased rebel training. NATO and independent London-based Russian scholar estimate that Russia has several hundred military trainers in eastern Ukraine.

Since hostilities began around mid-April last year,

the Ukrainian government and the West have accused Moscow of waging an undeclared war in Ukraine by sending thousands of troops to fight with the separatists and providing weaponry. At least 6,000 people have been killed on both sides.

While the Kremlin acknowledges that many Russians have fought as volunteers, it firmly denies sending troops or arming rebels.

Separatist fighters confirm that clothing and ammunition are among supplies they receive from Russia. "Yes, our brothers are supplying us — you know who," one fighter who uses the nom de guerre Telcha said at a checkpoint in the town of Krasny Luch. Most rebels won't reveal their full names for fear of retaliation against their families.

When the town of Debal'tseve finally fell to the separatists on Feb. 19 after weeks of fighting over the railroad hub, the true victors were long gone.

"Our friends helped us," said Andrei, a fighter who fought in Debal'tseve. Unlike his platoon, which had nothing newer than a T-72 tank, he said the Russians had modern T-90s. Like other rebels, Andrei would not give his last name because his family lives in a Ukraine-controlled area.

Alexei, another fighter, became animated when asked about Russians in the battle for Debal'tseve: "I'm not going to hide it: Russians were here. They went in and left quickly."

Igor Sutyagin, a senior research fellow at the Royal United Services Institute in London, has spent months collecting evidence of the Russian presence in Ukraine, coming up with an exhaustive list of combat formations.

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Walker's Wisconsin still lags nation in job growth

By Scott Bauer and Nicholas Riccardi
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MADISON, Wis. — Scott Walker has transformed Wisconsin politics, winning three elections in four years and signing laws that weakened unions, crippling a key ally of the Democratic Party.

But the likely Republican presidential contender has had less success changing Wisconsin's economy and budget. The state lags in job growth and its budget faces a shortfall. It's a record that complicates Walker's path in early primary states as he sells himself as a reformer.

"Most of his activity was more politically focused than economically, job creation focused," said John Torinus, a Milwaukee businessman and venture capitalist who nevertheless praises some of Walker's moves. "He was going to concentrate on job creation with a laser-like focus and he got distracted."

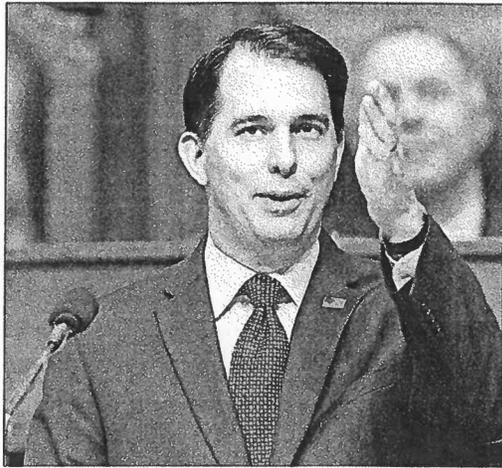
Wisconsin ranked 40th in private sector job growth for the 12 months ending in September, said the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Walker has called hiring in his state the "gold standard" for measuring his performance.

Still, there are positive economic signs Walker relies on to defend his record. Wisconsin's unemployment rate has dropped from 8.1 percent to 5 percent over his time in office. The state has seen a higher rate of new businesses starting than the rest of the country and income growth for Wisconsin residents has exceeded the national average.

Per capita income growth in Wisconsin exceeded per capita American income growth.

Walker "wasn't afraid to set big, bold goals to get Wisconsin back on track," said Ash Lee Strong, spokesman for Walker's political group, Our American Revival. "The governor is now taking his reform ideas that led to this economic success in Wisconsin and sharing them nationally."

Heavily reliant on manufacturing, Wisconsin has perennially lagged the nation in job creation and often used fiscal tricks to paper over budget deficits. Walker vowed to change that when he ran in 2010. His most renowned move just six weeks into his first term in 2011, was to curtail public unions' collective bargaining power while also forcing them to pay more for pension and health care benefits.



Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker acknowledges people in the gallery during the Governor's State of the State address to a joint session of the Legislature in the Assembly chambers Jan. 13 at the state Capitol in Madison, Wis. ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE PHOTO

At a glance

Wisconsin has added private-sector jobs at a lower rate than the national average since July 2011 — six months after Walker took office. Walker promised in the 2010 campaign that if elected his policies would create 250,000 private sector jobs. But only about 145,000 such jobs were created over his first four years.

Following weeks of protests, and the fleeing of Democratic state senators for three weeks to try to block a vote, Walker got his way. That drama, along with Walker's 2012 recall victory and other laws he's signed legalizing concealed weapons, requiring photo ID at the polls and last month's right-to-work law, are central in his stump speech as he presents himself as a man of action with a record of conservative accomplishments.

McKevin McGee, an economist at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, said Wisconsin's job performance kept pace with its Midwestern peers until Walker took office. Then it fell behind. His theory: Walker's public sector union move, and subsequent benefit cuts, shocked those workers into cutting consumer spending.

"What happened here changed the behavior of enough people in the state that it affected economic growth," McGee said. Other analysts question that, noting that Walker's union changes did save taxpayers \$3 billion in health and pension costs, translating into more money in people's wallets. On the trail, Walker emphasizes

calls for cutting education money and borrowing more than \$1 billion to pay for roads. The proposal has run into widespread opposition, including from Republicans.

Todd Berry, president of the Wisconsin Taxpayers Alliance, said Walker's initial budgets were responsible, but the more recent ones resemble those of his Democratic predecessor, Jim Doyle.

Berry said the state's luster jobs record shows Walker overpromised in the campaign. Governors, he noted, rarely have a significant impact on job creation. "This slow rate of job growth is nothing new," Berry said.

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AGENDA

1. Introductions
2. Staff Communications
3. 2017-2028 Statewide Ten Year Transportation Improvement Plan - Project Listing-End of Public Comment Period
4. Action Item (a) – Motion Required
- 4.1 Approve 2017-2028 Statewide Ten Year Transportation Improvement Plan-Project Listing
- 4.2 Approve LRPW Budget and Scope of Work
- 4.3 Draft MPO Minutes of March 20, 2015
5. Discussion Item (a)
- 5.1 Complete Streets Sub-Committee
- 5.2 Performance Measures Updates
- 5.3 Scenic Byways
- 5.4 Park n Ride Toolkit-Pilot with Community
- 5.5 Rail Working Group (Bob Jaffin)
6. Other Business
- 6.1 Citizen's Forum – Citizens residing in the Stratford region committee invited to speak once on the subject matter of this meeting's agenda. Statements shall be limited to three minutes.
- 6.2 Adjournment

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Application of Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy for a Certificate of Site and Facility for the Construction of a New 115 kV Electrical Transmission Line from Madbury Substation to Portsmouth Substation

Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy ("Eversource") will hold a public information session to inform the general public about the Seacoast Reliability Project and its Application for a Certificate of Site and Facility ("Application") to construct a new transmission line in the Seacoast region of New Hampshire. Eversource is proposing to build a new 115 kilovolt (kV) approximately 10-mile transmission line between existing substations in Madbury and Portsmouth to ensure reliability of the area's already constrained electrical grid and meet the rapidly increasing demand for power on the Seacoast. The proposed facility will be located in the Towns of Madbury, Durham, and Newton, and the City of Portsmouth. The facility will also require an underwriter crossing of Little Bay for approximately one mile and modifications to the substations in Madbury and Portsmouth.

Eversource will soon file its Application with the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee ("SEC", RSA 162:41-10) requires that an applicant for a Certificate of Site and Facility hold at least one public information session in each county where the proposed facility will be located, at a minimum, 30 days prior to filing the Application. In accordance with the statute, Eversource will hold one public information session in Stratford County (including the Towns of Madbury and Durham) and one public information session in Rockingham County (including the Town of Newton and the City of Portsmouth). At each session, Eversource will present and explain the project and the public will have the opportunity to provide comments. The public information session will be transcribed and Eversource will generate a transcript of the session, which will be submitted to the SEC along with the Application.

The Rockingham County public information session for the Seacoast Reliability Project will be held on Thursday, April 23, 2015 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at the Newton Town Hall Auditorium, 205 Northside Blvd. Newton, New Hampshire.

The public information session will be directly preceded by an Open House from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM where project representatives will be available to provide information concerning the project and answer questions. Questions can be directed to the Transmission Information Line at 888-626-5334 or TransmissionInfo@Eversource.com

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The Stratford County public information session for the Seacoast Reliability Project will be held on Wednesday, April 22, 2015 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at Oyster River High School's Cafeteria, 55 Coe Drive, Durham, New Hampshire.

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