

# STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE GOVERNOR'S ECONOMIC RE-OPENING TASK FORCE

## Task Force Meeting Minutes

**DATE:** 4.24.2020  
**TIME:** 3:02 PM to 4:45 PM  
**FORMAT:** Telephonic (Recorded meeting)

### ROLL CALL:

- David Bettencourt – home office, alone
- Commissioner Taylor Caswell – home office, alone
- State Senator Cavanaugh – car, alone
- State Senator Chandley – home office, alone
- State Senator Carson – home office, alone
- State Senator Giuda – home office, alone
- Rep. Ed Butler – office, Harts Location, husband present
- Rep. William Marsh – home office, alone
- Rep. Timothy Lang – Sanbornton, NH , alone
- John Nyhan – chamber office, Hampton, alone
- Mike Somers – Concord office, alone
- Steve Ahnen – home office, alone
- Nancy Kyle – home office, alone
- Chris Emond – home office, alone
- Lori Harnois – home office, alone
- Phil Bryce – Concord office, alone
- Bruce Berke – Concord office, alone
- Timothy Mone – home office, alone
- Scott Naismith - Salem police station, alone

**ABSENT:** None

### AGENDA ITEMS AND DISCUSSION:

1. DJ Bettencourt:
  - a. Roll Call: Telephonic meeting minutes: Wednesday 4.22.2020  
Motion to approve: Bruce Burke; Second: John Nyhan
    - David Bettencourt - yes
    - Commissioner Taylor Caswell – yes
    - State Senator Cavanaugh – yes
    - State Senator Chandley – yes
    - State Senator Carson – yes
    - State Senator Giuda – yes
    - Rep. Ed Butler – yes

- Rep. William Marsh – yes
- Rep. Timothy Lang – yes
- John Nyhan – yes
- Mike Somers – yes
- Steve Ahnen – yes
- Nancy Kyle – yes
- Chris Emond – yes
- Lori Harnois – yes
- Phil Bryce – yes
- Bruce Berke – yes
- Timothy Mone – abstain
- Scott Naismith - yes

2. DJ Bettencourt introduced working group concept steps:
  - a) Review all information provided (proposals, presentations, public comments)
  - b) Present recommended guidelines to the full task force for Q&A and approval
  - c) Approved guidelines to be submitted to Governor Sununu and the NH Division of Public Health Services for review
  - d) Task force members interested in participating in a specific group should contact Commissioner Caswell or DJ Bettencourt.

Working group 1: (NAICS 72) Accommodation and Food Services: Mike Somers, Rep. Butler, Rep. Lang, John Nyhan, Timothy Mone, BJ Bettencourt

3. Patricia Tilley, Deputy Director, NH Division of Public Health Services presented the April 20, 2020 weekly summary report

**SECTOR PRESENTATION:** NAICS 44-45 Retail trade

**PRESENTOR:** Nancy Kyle, President, NH Retail Association

- a) Provided background information on NH's retail sector
- b) Introduced general factors to consider for re-opening
- c) Presented "Open for Business – A Blueprint for Shopping Safely"
  - Phase 1: *Allowing Curbside Pickup and Delivery - Most are happening*)
  - Phase 2: *Re-opening Stores to Public, with Social Distancing Protocols & Reduced Occupancy.* Protocol categories reviewed:
    - a. Social distancing - employees
    - b. Social distancing - customers
    - c. Hygiene
    - d. Sanitization
    - e. Protective face coverings
    - f. Health screening of employees
  - Phase 3: *Establish Protection then Lift All Restrictions.* Protocol categories reviewed:
    - a. Sanitization
    - b. Employee guidelines
- d) Task force questions, comments and answer session

**SECTOR PRESENTATION:** NAICS 31-33 Manufacturing

**PRESENTOR:** Jim Roche, President, Business & Industry Association of NH

- a) Provided background information on the BIA (statewide chamber of commerce and statewide manufacturing association) and membership
- b) Recommended adding representation from the manufacturing and technology sector to this task force and GOFERR
- c) Discussed manufacturing's current status in NH which is a unique situation as most have remained operational as "essential businesses."
- d) Manufacturers focused concerns about remaining functioning as the pandemic persists:
  - Workplace Health Guidelines
  - Liability Concerns
  - Personal Protective Equipment and Testing
- e) Task force questions, comments and answer session

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- Presentation: NH Retail Association
- Testimony: Jim Roche, President, NH Business & Industry Association
- Telephonic meeting full recording