

City Council Legislative Subcommittee Meeting
Conference Room A
8:00 a.m.
Monday, September 21, 2015

- I. Call to Order.
- II. Meals and Room- Chapter Law 181, SB 213- Update from City Staff and Senator Clark regarding the information presented to the Committee to Study the Distribution of Meals and Room Tax Revenue and the implementation of a local hotel occupancy surcharge to defer the high cost of tourism.
- III. Short Term Rentals- Chapter Law 197, HB 531 – First meeting is scheduled for October 6, 2015 at 10:00 am in LOB Room 301 of the Committee to Study Short Term Rentals. The City is interested in presenting testimony on the short term rental issue.
- IV. Accessory Dwelling Units – SB 146 was retained in the House Municipal and County Government Committee and a work session was held on September 9, 2015.
- V. Blighted Property – SB 175 was retained by the Senate Public and Municipal Affairs Committee. The Committee is scheduled to vote on the bill on September 30, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.
- VI. Uber- SB 254 establishes a Committee to Study the Provision of Services to the Public by Uber and Existing Taxi Services. The Committee has not yet met.
- VII. Government Immunity- SB 41 establishes a Committee to Study Government Immunity from Suit and Accountability by its Citizens. Draft bills submitted to the Committee to revise RSA 507-B substantially increases liability and exposure on negligence claims against municipalities. General Counsel for New Hampshire Public Risk Management Exchange (Primex3) has forwarded suggested revisions to the bill to NHMA that would decrease municipal exposure and liability.
- VIII. Issues of interest identified by NHMA:
 - Value of telecommunications poles and conduits – (HB 547 -Assessing Standards Board to recommend value).
 - DRA appraisals of valuation for utility property not to be used for appeals to the Board of Tax and Land Appeals (HB 192 – Re-referred to Senate Ways and Means Committee).
 - Right to Know – Municipalities and Towns ability to recover costs regarding compliance with right to know requests (HB 646 Tabled).
 - Broadening definition of agriculture to include agritourism, *Forster v. Town of Henniker* (to be proposed).
 - Municipal immunity for guns in workplace (to be proposed).
- IX. Other bills- General Discussion.
- X. Schedule Next Meeting.
- XI. Adjournment.