

# STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

## Executive Council

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### Annual Report from Executive Councilor David Wheeler

December 31, 2015

It is an honor to serve the thirty-three communities of District 5 as a member of the New Hampshire Executive Council. The five councilors work with the Governor to ensure taxpayer's money is spent wisely, state government runs efficiently, and the most qualified individuals are hired to fill executive branch and judicial positions.

New Hampshire's unique form of government with all its checks and balances is the first and last of its kind in the nation. In 2015, we held 24 Governor and Executive Council meetings where approximately 1,000 items were considered for approval with an estimated dollar amount of over 6 billion dollars.

During the summer months, the Governor and Council meetings are conducted in various communities throughout the state. This summer, official meetings were held in Cornish, Dover, Manchester, Mason, Newport and Portsmouth. The Council held many public hearings and confirmed 3 judicial positions for the Circuit Court, and 2 for the Superior Court as well as confirmed Commissioners for the Department of Transportation, Department of Administrative Services, Department of Information Technology and the Public Utilities Commission. In addition we attended several information sessions on the State's Managed Care Health plan.

The Councilors also held meetings throughout each Council District to gain input from the regional planning committees for the State's Ten Year Highway Plan. In December we forwarded our final draft to the Governor for review who will then forward it to the legislature for review and funding.

The Governor and Council, under Article 50 of the State Constitution, called for a Special Legislative Session to address the heroin and opioid epidemic that is facing our state. A special study committee will present their findings and recommendations to the full legislative body in January.

I have attended many public events on the proposed high-pressure natural gas transmission line that would run through many towns in Council District Five. Speaking against this project will continue to be a high priority for me in 2016.

Sincerely,

David K. Wheeler  
Executive Councilor

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