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To: 'Peter Kimball'; 'Bernie Marvin'; Bernie Marvin
Subject: SB26 Incorporated into HB2
Attachments: HB2 Bill Text.pdf; SB26 Bill Text.pdf; SB26 Open Letter to NH House_signed.pdf

Hello Peter & Bernie,

I offer the information below and attached hoping that perhaps one of you might want to draft an informational piece on the subject, as it is pretty significant for Haverhill.

In 2020, Senate Bill (SB) 414 – relative to roads within the Woodsville Fire District, was introduced to the NH Senate and upon vote of the Senate SB414 passed unanimously. It then went onto the House where it was rolled into omnibus House Bill (HB) 1234, which passed the House by a majority vote. Subsequently, the Governor vetoed almost all omnibus bills in 2020, including HB1234.

In 2021, Senate Bill (SB) 26 – relative to roads within the Woodsville Fire District, was (re)introduced to the Senate on January 6, 2021, where it was referred to the Executive Departments & Administration Committee. The committee took testimony in January 2021 and the committee passed the bill by a vote of 20 (yeas) and 3 (nays) in March 2021. The full Senate subsequently passed SB26 with a majority vote. SB26 was then referred to the House Public Works & Highways Committee. The committee took testimony on May 5th, and then on May 19th the committee voted 18 (yeas) and 3 (nays) that the bill “ought to pass”. The bill was presented on the floor of the House of Representatives on June 3rd and passed overwhelmingly.

The Governor signed HB2 into law on June 25, 2021, which included SB26 (Chapter 91 - Page 191). The mandate for the Town of Haverhill to fund the Woodsville Fire District’s Highway Department has been eliminated; the bill was effective upon signing by the Governor.

I have attached the text versions of both SB26 & HB2 for your use; I also have attached my letter to the House of Representatives which memorializes my position on this legislation and the premise of Districts / Precincts within the State of New Hampshire, which are by law, meant to serve a special purpose(s) and funded accordingly.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

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"Thinking things through is hard work and it sometimes seems safer to follow the crowd. That blind adherence to such group thinking is, in the long run, far more dangerous than independently thinking things through." ~ Thomas J. Watson