## <u>Minutes (Corrected as of 8-23-2021)</u> <u>Belknap County Committee of Investigations</u> Meeting of July 7, 2021

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Representative Norm Silber, promptly at 7:00 PM in the main conference room of the Belknap County Complex.

The Chair then led all assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Chair called the roll- Representatives Silber, O'Hara, Lang & Comtois were present. Representative Bordes later arrived at approximately 7:10 PM.

The Chair read aloud the text of RSA 24:17 and RSA 24:18 and stated that it was required to obtain an order of the Superior Court in order for expenses of the committee to be disbursed.

The Chair then explained why the previously-scheduled session of the committee at which the director of the nursing home was to be examined was cancelled; a notification received by the Committee that the County Commissioners had retained counsel and the communications from that counsel; and the efforts to find appropriate counsel to represent the committee and a proposal for same was presented for consideration.

The Chair then presented a proposed engagement letter by which the committee would engage the law firm of Cleveland, Waters and Bass, P.A. and its director, Bryan K. Gould. The Chair entertained a motion to approve that engagement letter. Rep. Lang spoke against the necessity of retaining any counsel. The motion to retain Cleveland, Waters and Bass, P.A. and its director, Bryan K. Gould made by Rep. Comtois but died for lack of a second.

The Chair then adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:25 P.M.

Approved as corrected at meeting of August 23, 2012