

**NHRSTA Fall Meeting**  
**October 3, 2017**  
**Red Blazer Restaurant, Concord, NH**

We had a smaller than usual attendance for the Fall meeting, but several members notified us that they had a conflict with the date, due to it being a bit later in the fall than usual. That said, we still had 40 members in attendance and we all enjoyed some social time.

At approximately 1825 hours, the meeting came to order with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Ernie Loomis followed by a moment of silence for our fallen members and those serving in our armed services around the world. Special recognition was given to Sgt. Jim Noyes on the anniversary of his death.

Opening comments were given by Chairman Dave Kelley.

**Legislative Committee** – Ernie spoke to us about the Decennial Commission working on state retiree issues. He reported that over 90 changes have been made to the Retirement System over the past 10 years. Many of the previous recommendations made by the Commission were not adopted. Now, changes require 52.5 years of age and 25 years of service prior to retirement. The unfunded assumed liability now stands at \$5.1 million and the State is about 7 years into the “30 year mortgage”. It is funded at approximately 65% with the employers being responsible to make up what they did not pay over the years. The Commission is looking at all of the issues and there are good people serving on it. Ernie was the first to respond to the opportunity to make a presentation to the Commission on behalf of State Police retirees. He made a 45 minute presentation and in that time, had the opportunity to make suggestions for the future and continuation of keeping our health care and pension benefits together. Ernie said that the Commission was very interested in hearing the presentation of a representative from Maine who spoke on State Police pensions in that state which adopted a constitutional amendment reference shortfalls and also includes a permanent COLA. Ernie thanked everyone present who sent letters and/or made phone calls to their legislators during the last session. He also said that the LSR’s for the upcoming session are being filed. There are approximately 500 that have been filed so far and since they are filed by name only, with no text explaining them, it is too soon to really know what we will need to keep track of.

**Secretary’s Report** – Kathy Kimball reported that since the May business meeting, she has sent out 9 invitations to recent retirees to join the NHRSTA; 2 have since joined. We have also had 1 member withdraw their membership. In addition, numerous cards and notes have been sent to members and non-member retired troopers who have experience the loss of an immediate family member or who have had some health challenges. Headquarters sent out information on Fall Firearms Training for retirees yesterday and Kathy has forwarded the information to the membership. The dates will be November 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. If anyone hears of someone who has not received the information and is interested in the qualification process, let her know and she will forward the information to them.

**Treasurer's Report** – Peter Hilchey provided a report on the status of the Association's finances. He reported that we have \$62, 717 in the checking account and \$53,000 in the Vanguard investment account. We are up to date on our non-profit filings with the State and will be preparing for IRS filings at the end of the calendar year.

Following dinner and more time to socialize, Skip Korbet closed the meeting at approximately 1940 hours.

We hope that everyone enjoys safe travels over the winter months and we look forward to seeing you at the Spring Business Meeting sometime in May, 2018.

Respectfully,

*Kathy*

Ret. Sgt. Kathy Kimball  
NHRSTA Secretary