



# NH Railroad Revitalization Association

May 18, 2009

Tonight's meeting was called to order by President Peter Griffin @ 7:00 PM at the Health and Safety Council in Concord.

## Attendees:

Name	Town
Peter Griffin	Windham, NH
Gary Kerr	Chichester, NH
Lenny McGee	Manchester, NH
Steve Flanders	Weare, NH

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Stephen Piper	Dover, NH
Bill Remington	Concord, NH
Tom Noel	New Boston, NH
Larry Ayer	Nashua, NH

## March Minutes

The April 27 meeting minutes were accepted as written.

## Treasurer's Report

Steve Flanders reported the organization's account balance. He also reported \$40 in dues receipts and no expenditures since the last meeting.

## NHRA Elections

Gary announced the results of the elections for office on behalf of the Election Committee as follows:

Peter Griffin (President) – 13	Steve Piper (Secretary) – 13
Tom Noel (Vice President) – 13	Bill Remington (Representative) - 12
Steve Flanders (Treasurer) – 13	Ken Milender (Representative) - 12

No write-in candidates were submitted.

## NH Capitol Corridor/NHRTA

The May meeting of the NHRTA will be held on Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10 AM. Kit Morgan (NHDOT Bureau of Rail & Transit) is expected to report on applications for stimulus funds. The lack of support for NH's contribution to the Boston-Montreal High Speed Rail Phase 2 study has now set back plans for rehabilitation the Northern Line. It would be prudent to focus attention on bringing high speed rail up to Concord as the first part of Boston-Montreal, then press for funding the study's 2<sup>nd</sup> phase once the project is well underway. Tom will draft a letter to NHDOT Commissioner Campbell to help steer his attention toward Montreal as the ultimate goal. Similar letters should also come from NHBTI, CLF, Sierra Club and towns along the corridor.

## Other Business

- There has been a proposal submitted for MBTA to apply for stimulus funds to restore double track from Reading through Andover and Lawrence and/or double tracking the Wildcat beginning at Wilmington then through Andover and Lawrence. They have until September.
- Senate Bill SB186, which would establish a statewide transportation policy and a transportation advisory commission, has passed the Senate and is now in the House. Bill has submitted his interest in representing the railroad industry.
- Lenny reported that a study committee has been holding monthly meetings on the Mountain Division corridor in

Maine. The links to such are as follows:

<http://smrpc.org/transportation/minutes/minutes.htm#113>

<http://smrpc.org/transportation/corridor/corridor.htm#113>

- Discussions continued on the pricing for NHRRA bumper stickers and bags. Steve Piper will contact Natalie at NNEPRA for magnetic bumper sticker prices.
- Tom will get an updated pricing for advertising on NH Public Radio

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM

Next meeting: Monday, June 22, 2009 at 7 PM  
Safety & Health Council  
163 Manchester Street, Concord

Minutes by: Stephen R. Piper, Secretary