



# NH Railroad Revitalization Association

July 27, 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
Frank Judge	Bedford, NH
Bill Remington	Concord, NH
Dennis Grimes	Bedford, NH
Bob Hamm	Merrimack, NH
Tom Noel	New Boston, NH

Name	Town
Jim Bull	Windham, NH
Larry Ayer	Nashua, NH
Steve Flanders	Weare, NH
Ken Milender	Warner, NH
Andrew Duguay	Franklin, NH

Peter Griffin welcomed guests Barbara Pressly and Dan Kelly both of Nashua.

## June Minutes

The June 22 minutes were approved as written.

## Treasurer's Report

Steve Flanders reported the organization's account balance and the total 2009 dues he's received to date. He reported two expenditures: \$1000 to the Nashua Regional Planning Commission (NRPC) and \$20 to Bill Remington for printing costs. Peter Griffin explained that the payment to the NRPC was our contribution to the grant writing costs for the NH application for Federal stimulus funds for the NH Capitol Corridor Project – the NRPC was acting as the pass-through organization. Peter further noted that NHRRA was one of 30 NH organizations that contributed a total of \$121,000 for the grant writing costs.

## NH Rail Transit Authority Meetings

Tom Noel attended their meetings on 7/10 and 7/24. At the 7/10 meeting it was announced that NH was submitting two preliminary applications for Federal Stimulus funds for HSR projects: (1) \$300 million for the capital improvements needed for the NH Capitol Corridor (including ROW acquisition) and (2) \$5 million for planning the remaining NH portion of the Boston – Montreal HSR Corridor (Concord to WRJ).

These applications are now posted on the Rail Auth. Website. At the 7/24 meeting much of the discussion involved bad news: the breaking off of negotiations by Pan Am with NHDOT for an operating agreement for the NH Capitol Corridor. Nevertheless the Board felt that NH should aggressively press ahead with their applications for stimulus funds.

Barbara Pressly expressed concerns about the way the NHRTA was functioning: lack of notice of meetings, etc. She wants the state to get control of the Capitol Corridor by some means other than eminent domain which she says takes too long.

Dan Kelly provided a copy of a letter that the League of Women Voters sent to the NHRTA complaining about the lack of meeting notice (6/12 meeting) and the lack of a procedure for the filling of Executive Committee positions vacated in Mid-term.

## Marketing Report

Jim Bull reported that he discussed our website with its webmaster Matt Cosgrove. Matt said he was willing to put everything we want on the site. Jim said he had contacted both Amtrak and the MBTA regarding how we can increase membership but got no response. The word he has gotten from other sources is that the best way to increase membership is to beef up our website – for instance, make it interactive. Jim said that Matt Cosgrove can do this. Someone (?) suggested that we have an information table at upcoming NH home shows in Nashua, Manchester and Concord. Lenny McGee reported that he is working on an updated NHRA brochure.

## Other Business

**Governors Meeting in Vermont** – Barbara Pressly brought to our attention the upcoming meeting on Aug. 3 in Burlington, VT of the New England Governors. They are to discuss regional efforts for rail transportation including the coordinated applications from all of the New England states for Federal stimulus Funds. She stated that she plans to attend the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM

Next meeting: Monday, August 24, 2009 at 7 PM  
Safety & Health Council  
57 Regional Drive, Concord

Minutes by: Thomas M. Noel, Vice President