



NH Railroad Revitalization Association

January 25, 2010

Tonight's meeting was called to order by President Peter Griffin at 7:05 PM at the Health and Safety Council in Concord.

Attendees:

Name	Town
Peter Griffin	Windham, NH
Tom Noel	New Boston, NH
Bill Remington	Concord, NH
Lenny McGee	Manchester, NH
Jim Bull	Windham, NH
Gary Seneschal	Allenstown, NH

Name	Town
Gary Kerr	Chichester, NH
Larry Ayer	Nashua, NH
Ken Milender	Warner, NH
Steve Piper	Dover, NH
Tom Manning	Concord, NH
Sam Langley	Boscowen, NH

Guest: Dan Garelick (Pan Am Railway)

November Minutes

The November 23, 2009 meeting minutes were accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report

Steve Flanders was not present, so no treasurer's report was available.

NH Rail Transit Authority Meeting

House Bill 1521 (sponsored by Rep Neal Kurk) was heard in the Public Works & Highways Committee. Peter Burling was quoted as saying, "If this bill becomes law, it will terminate all potential to bring passenger rail back to New Hampshire. Amtrak will not operate without a state source of funding." House Bill HB 1480, relative to Rail Authority bonds, seeks to add crippling language such that "***such issuance is approved by a joint resolution of the general court***".

Patricia Quinn (NNEPRA) was to speak at a discussion involving the \$3 million planning grant application. This grant will require a 50% state match, \$1 million of which the state has from another rail project grant plus \$200,000 from another source.

Marketing

Jim Bull submitted a mock up of the most recent revision to the NHRRA window decal for review and comment. Also, the Facebook site has increased in membership 18% in December. January numbers are not yet available. The NHRRA web site now has a place dedicated for archiving historical photos. Jim has been trying to link the web site with other like-minded organizations.

The New England railroad Club has a show in Worcester, MA on March 23. There is a \$35 fee to occupy a booth at the show. A motion unanimously approved the expenditure of \$35 from the NHRRA treasury to man a booth there. The Big E in Springfield, MA will have its railroad show on Jan 30 & 31.

Downeaster

Steve Piper reported that the Downeaster's New Hampshire ridership surpassed 201,500 for the 2009 calendar year. This is down somewhat from 2008 when gas prices were at record highs, but it is still significantly higher than the 175,400 riders in 2007. NNEPRA is still awaiting an announcement on stimulus funding for the expansion northward to Freeport and Brunswick.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM

Next meeting: Monday, February 22, 2010 at 7 PM
Safety & Health Council
57 Regional Drive, Concord

Minutes by: Stephen R. Piper, Secretary