



# NH Railroad Revitalization Association

March 22, 2010

Tonight's meeting was called to order by President Peter Griffin at 7:00 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
Steve Flanders	Weare, NH
Jim Bull	Windham, NH

Name	Town
Winthrop Buswell	Laconia, NH
Steve Piper	Dover, NH
Tom Manning	Concord, NH
Sam Langley	Boscowen, NH
Gary Seneschal	Allenstown, NH

## February Minutes

The February 22, 2010 meeting minutes were accepted as written.

## Treasurer's Report

Steve Flanders reported the organization's account balance and stated he paid just one expense of \$150 for booth rental at the Worcester trade show.

## Marketing

Jim Bull met with Matt Cosgro to start revamping the web site. His redesign will include the best aspects of many other similar organizations' sites and will be more interactive. It will include many more links and represent a more realistic timetable for progress on the NH Capitol Corridor project. It's hoped that completion will be sometime in April.

Winthrop suggested distributing our brochures in Plymouth, Laconia and the Lakes region for promoting interest in the longer term initiative to bring passenger rail to that area.

The current brochure should be reviewed for accuracy and updated if necessary. More brochures should then be printed to have on hand for future distribution opportunities as they arise.

## NARP Region 1 Meeting

Tom and Peter both attended the meeting earlier this month. Patricia Quinn (NNEPRA) presented on the Downeaster's success. There were updates from other northeastern states (CT, RI, ME & VT). Approximately 100 people attended. Border crossings with Canada were discussed. It appears Canada wishes to stop all inbound trains at the border and sweep them for bombs and proper IDs. This inherent delay will certainly impact ridership.

## Other Business

- It was decided that meeting minutes should be identified as "draft" until they have been approved at the next regular meeting. Minutes would then be posted to the website after acceptance. All prior minutes posted should be removed from the website, saved into pdf format and then reposted to eliminate the opportunity for unauthorized editing. Steve Piper will do this.

- Steve Piper reported that the Downeaster's summer schedule will begin on April 19. The only changes are the late departure from Boston moving from 11:00 PM to 11:20 PM and the opening of the Old Orchard Beach station stop. According to NNEPRA, Freeport has a resident population of about 8500, but has about 3.5 million visitors each year. It is anticipated that 200 jobs will be created for the corridor reconstruction from Portland to Brunswick.
- The I-93 toll plaza option for increasing revenue to NHDOT has been voted down.
- Win's paintings will be on going display at the Merrimack County Savings Bank on North main Street in Concord.
- Sam attended an Amtrak Q&A session in Chicago and will present his experiences at the next meeting.
- In memory of George Katsakiores, NHRRA will investigate the purchase of a Wi Fit system for the Veterans Hospital. Jim Bull will look into a wholesale price. Peter will ask George's wife if she would be interested in accompanying him at the presentation.
- Bill strongly recommended that NHRRA bring attention to the bridge removals taking place on the Northern. They are being replaced with lower cost culverts would not accommodate the return of train service. There needs to be a statute requiring bridges to be replaced with new bridges meeting the current specifications for trains. This needs to be addressed at the NHRTA level for future service to Montreal.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM

Next meeting: Monday, April 26, 2010 at 7 PM  
Safety & Health Council  
57 Regional Drive, Concord

Minutes by: Stephen R. Piper, Secretary