



# NH Railroad Revitalization Association

June 23, 2008

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
Bill Remington	Concord, NH
Lenny McGee	Manchester, NH
Tom Noel	New Boston, NH

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Jim Bull	Windham, NH
Gary Kerr	Chichester, NH
Richard Brewster	Andover, NH
Steve Flanders	Weare, NH

## May Minutes

The May 21 meeting minutes were approved with two minor revisions:

Sharon Wason Central NHRPC, John Law Strafford County PC.

## Treasurer's Report

Steve Flanders reported the organization's account balance. He reported no expenditures this month.

## Rail Forum at St. Anselm College

This forum will be held on July 14 and has as its featured speaker, Mike Dukakis - former MA governor, Amtrak board member & presidential candidate. Also speaking will be Sen. Peter Burling - Chairman of NHRTA and Mark Richardson - NHRRA Representative. The event will be sponsored by The NH Institute of Politics, the Southern NH Planning Commission and NHRRA.

**Action Item:** Members present voted to provide up to \$1000 from the NHRRA account to support the forum. Peter Griffin said our funds will be for refreshments and printing costs.

## NH Rail Transit Authority

The NHRTA did not meet this month. They had planned a July meeting at which Gov. Lynch would hold a public signing of the Rail Liability bill. But the Governor signed the bill on June 11 so it is not known at this time whether the NHRTA will have a meeting in July. Chairman Peter Burling is retiring from the Senate so there will be a new Chair next year - presumably it will be another senator.

## I-93 Transit Study

Peter reported that the study will be completed in July. He says the report will present two transit options: (1) M&L restoration or (2) Bus on dedicated shoulder of I-93.

## Membership Renewals

Steve Flanders reported that renewals are coming in very well. Jim Bull commented that the Sierra Club is a natural ally and NHRRA could make itself known to the NH Sierra members by placing an ad in their publication.

## Other Business

NS/Pan Am Patriot Corridor Project - Bill Remington reported that there will be a new intermodal yard at Mechanicville and an expansion of the Ayer intermodal yard. Interchange with D&H may be only at Mechanicville. Pan Am will provide motive power & crews but he said NS has the right to take over if they don't provide 85% customer service satisfaction.

Manchester Bus Station - The news media have reported that this downtown station will close later this year due to lack of bus and passenger parking. All Concord Trailways buses will instead serve the stop at Exit 5 on I-93 in Londonderry.

Speaker at next meeting - Peter Griffin announced that Mike Izbecki (NHRTA Board member and rail consultant) will speak at our next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM

Next meeting:   Monday, July 28, 2008 at 7 PM  
                  Safety & Health Council  
                  163 Manchester Street, Concord

Minutes by:                         Thomas M. Noel, Vice President