



# NH Railroad Revitalization Association

April 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           |
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| Peter Griffin  | Windham, NH    |
| Gary Kerr      | Chichester, NH |
| Lenny McGee    | Manchester, NH |
| Steve Flanders | Weare, NH      |
| Bill Remington | Concord, NH    |
| Tom Noel       | New Boston, NH |

| Name               | Town         |
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| Stephen Piper      | Dover, NH    |
| Ken Milender       | Warner, NH   |
| George Katsakiores | Derry, NH    |
| Gus Sheedy         | Derry, NH    |
| Sam Langley        | Boscowen, NH |
| Jim Bull           | Windham, NH  |

## March Minutes

The March 23 meeting minutes were approved with one clarification to the Wildcat track upgrade section. It should be understood that potential upgrades between mileages shown from Ash Street to CPF-AS reference the Western Route mainline.

## Treasurer's Report

Steve Flanders reported the organization's account balance. He also reported \$72 in dues receipts and \$70 paid out for PO box rental and \$53.69 paid for printing costs.

## Legislative Update

Peter Leischman's bill, HB613, to study the state's takeover of active rail corridors in NH has gone through the Senate Committee, but has not been voted on yet. Most testimony at the hearing was in favor. Bill Remington also testified and his comments are available upon request. The bill will go on to the full Senate next.

## NH Capitol Corridor

The April meeting of the NHRTA was canceled. The next meeting has been rescheduled for May 22. Steve Williams is moving on to Virginia and his replacement is currently pending. Rules for qualifying for stimulus money have now been determined.

## NHRRRA Elections

As a reminder, completed ballots must be returned (either by US mail or in person) by the May 18 meeting (the meeting date has been moved up one week due to Memorial Day falling on the 25th).

## Other Business

- Lenny will e-mail a slideshow (from the National Railroad Contractors) that depicts President Obama's rail support.
- Lenny also reported on the Promotions Committee. Jim suggested putting a calendar of events on the NHRRRA web page with info being continually supplied by event sponsors. Also, NHRRRA needs to construct a professional looking tri-fold display for trade shows and should make up some things to be given away such as brochures, bumper stickers, pens and railroad maps (old vs. today) to help with exposure for the organization.
- A motion was made to offer webmaster Matt Cosgro a \$100 stipend for his continued support of the web site. The motion was seconded and all were in favor. Steve Flanders will draft and send him a check.

- The on-line rail petition is ongoing at: <http://www.petitiononline.com/nhcc/petition-sign.html>. People are encouraged to sign on if they haven't already.
- Wayne Gagne has stepped down as Chairman of the Nashua Commuter Rail advisory Committee.
- Steve Piper reported on the Downeaster. Dover Main Street has submitted a proposal to operate the Dover Transportation Center as a welcome center pending an appropriate level of funding from the city. Members of the Exeter Station Committee have approached the Town with their long term vision and station expansion plans. The newly constructed Saco Station held its grand opening celebration on February 27. Downeaster ridership in NH has surpassed 1 million passengers.
- Jim would like to investigate linking the NHRRA web site with other similar-minded organizations' sites, such as the Sierra Club, AARP and the Carbon Coalition.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM

Next meeting: Monday, **May 18**, 2009 at 7 PM  
Safety & Health Council  
163 Manchester Street, Concord

Minutes by: Stephen R. Piper, Secretary