

NH Railroad Revitalization Association

August 23, 2010

Tonight's meeting was called to order by President Peter Griffin at 7:10 PM at the Health and Safety Council in Concord.

Attendees:

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| Kelton Garfield | Concord | Peter Griffin | Windham |
| Tom Noel | New Boston | Lenny McGee | Manchester |
| Steve Flanders | Weare | Winthrop Buswell | Laconia |
| Thomas L. Manning | Hooksett | Craig Manning | Hooksett |
| Tom Manning | Concord | Gary Seneschal | Allenstown |
| Ken Milender | Warner | Bill Remington | Concord |
| Gary Kerr | Chichester | | |

June Minutes

The June 28, 2010 meeting minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report

Steve Flanders reported the organization's account balance and one expenditure of \$53.93 to Jim Bull for pictures for the website.

NHRTA

There were no meetings to report on in June or July. Lenny McGee stated that a meeting was scheduled for Friday, August 27.

M & L Line

Peter Griffin reported that the prospects for restoring service look bleaker than ever. Based on his own inquiries, no businesses along the corridor have shown interest in restoration of service. Also he reported that a person in Methuen, MA has petitioned the MBTA to remove the tracks there.

Other Business

- Steve Flanders reported that he attended the Concord Model Rail Show on Aug. 22. At the show he spoke with Jim Nigzus, Pres. of the B&M Historical Society, who agreed to distribute the NHRRA information flyer to his organization.

- Tom Noel reported that the CMAQ Advisory Committee will meet in Oct. to hear presentations by applicants for the current round of funding. As agreed earlier, Tom will represent NHRRA at this meeting to voice support for the applicants seeking funding for rail projects.

-Peter Griffin reported that there was a recent article in the Lawrence Eagle-Tribune supporting the Plaistow commuter rail project.

-Craig Manning reported that a friend of his has agreed to distribute NHRRA information at his business.

- Bill Remington asked what was happening with the possibility of a rail symposium in Plymouth. Peter Griffin said nothing was happening as yet.

- Tom Manning (Concord), who now works for New England Southern, reported that Peter Dearness is negotiating with Pan Am for 5 day/week service with interchange at the siding just south of the Centre St. overpass in Concord. He also reported that Peter is working on a transload facility in Canterbury for lumber coming down from Canada by truck to then be reloaded onto rail cars for shipment south.

- Peter Griffin reported that the controversial bridge project on the Northern Line in Enfield is on-hold.

- Peter Griffin proposed that the next NHRRA meeting be in Oct. rather than Sept. since there was little activity on NH rail projects right now and the members present agreed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM

Next meeting: Monday, October 25, 2010 at 7 PM
Safety & Health Council
57 Regional Drive, Concord

Minutes by: Thomas M. Noel, Vice-Pres.

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