

**New Hampshire Rail Transit Authority
Executive Committee Meeting
July 10, 2009
NH DOT Room 114**

Attendees: Kathy Hersh, Kerrie Diers, Tim Moore, Ron O’Blenis, Christine Walker

I. Call to Order

Kathy Hersh opened the meeting at 9:08am. Both Peter Burling and Mike Izbicki had conflicts this morning, so Kathy will Chair the meeting.

II. Update on Grant Process

Kathy asked Chris Clement to update the Committee about the grant application process. Chris is sending in the pre-application to the Federal Rail Authority (FRA) today. The pre-application will let the FRA know how many applications will be submitted in August, to be able to prepare for enough staff to review the applications.

NH will be submitting two applications: the project application for Phase 1, which is the shovel-ready project from Lowell – Concord, and the Phase 2 planning application for the section north of Concord to White River Junction.

The NH application will be part of a regional application. Officials in MA are developing a unified letter that will be sent to FRA next week which explains the unified vision for the New England States.

Christine Walker recommended that we schedule a meeting to discuss the Phase 2 planning application in the Upper Valley. There is a lot of public support and investment in the rail trail, and it would be good for people to have the proper information. Kathy Hersh agreed that it would be good to clarify that the intent is for the state to maintain the non-motorized alternative transportation component as part of the railway corridor. Christine is willing to coordinate the meeting. Ron O’Blenis stated that the issue was included in the original Boston–Montreal study, which should be referenced as part of the conversation.

III. Update on NH Capitol Corridor

Chris Clement stated that the negotiations on the Memorandum of Understanding for the corridor are still in progress.

IV. Other Discussion

Kathy Hersh stated that Joan Clinton from NH DOT is the person responsible for the NHRTA website. Christine Walker suggested that there be a sign up on the website for interested people to sign up to receive notifications. This could be done automatically so that Kathy would not have to keep the list up to date and this would allow people who sign up to receive notifications.

Tim Moore stated that we need to update the bylaws to reflect a resignation policy. There also should be a NH DOT representative on the Executive Committee. He will put together a list of changes needed.

V. Non-public Session – None.

VI. Adjourn

Tim Moore made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 am. The motion was seconded by Ron O’Blenis. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kerrie Diers