

New Hampshire Rail Transit Authority

New Hampshire Department of Transportation, PO Box 483, Concord, NH 03302



Chair: Mike Izbicki
Vice Chair: David Preece

Director's Meeting
May 22, 2015, 10:00 am
LOB Room 204
State Street, Concord, NH 03302

I. Call to Order

Attendees: Mark Brewer, Richard Cane, Jonathan Edwards, Bob Hall, Mike Izbicki, Bob Jaffin, Dan Kelly, Tom Mahon, Tim Moore, David Preece, Tim Roache, Mike Tardiff, and, Malcolm Taylor. Shelley Winters from the NHDOT represented Patrick Herlihy.

No quorum present at opening of meeting.

Chair Izbicki called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

II. Comments from the Press and Public

Peter Griffin reported that Representative Anne Kuster reported that Claremont will be a stop on the Knowledge Corridor. Representative Kuster has been very supportive of this effort.

Jonathan Edwards continued with an update about the Claremont station with a couple of options that have been considered – a high level boarding platform and a possibility of converting the Bike Shop to a depot.

III. Minutes – Minutes of the April 24, 2015

No quorum, no motion on minutes.

IV. Non Public

No Non Public session.

V. Old Business

1. Executive Committee: Nothing to report.
2. Finance Committee: Nothing to report.
3. Project Committee: David Preece reported that the Action Plan should be ready for approval at the next Board meeting. Bob Jaffin reported that the Strafford (Regional Planning Commission) Rail Working Group – SRWG is focusing on what documentation might be necessary to apply for future funding to study possible rail/bus solutions for Somersworth. Their next meeting will be held on June 16, 2015 in either Dover or Rochester.
4. Public Relation Committee: Nothing to report.
5. Legislation status:
 - a. SB88 – Senate Passed an amended version of the bill; House Public Works and Highway Committee also recommended passage. It is on the House Consent Calendar for June 3rd.

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- b. SB63 – Senate passed an amended version; House made further amendments. It is expected that the Senate will concur with the House amendments. No dates yet known for further votes.
- c. HB25 – Senator D’Alessandrea made a motion to restore the \$4 million to the Capital Budget that the House removed. The target amount of the total budget is \$125 million with the amount requested to date totaling \$127 million. There was some concern about how the \$4 million in the capital budget would work with a possible public private partnership as proposed in SB88.

VI. Public Out-Reach Update

Bob Hall reported the Economic Development Plan for the Downeaster was still a work in progress. It has been delayed because of the effort required to move the Brunswick layover facility forward. The current plan is to finish the plan in the late summer, early fall time frame.

Peter Griffin reminded everyone that while we often talk about Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) as a new term, it is really an old concept.

At 10:58 a quorum was obtained. A motion to defer the meeting minutes as made and approved.

VII. New Business

Tom Mahon made a motion to adopt the Right-To-Know policy. Bob Jaffin made the second. Motion passed unanimously.

VII. Adjournment

Tom Mahon made a motion to adjourn. David Preece seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:10 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Moore

Future Meeting Dates (4th Friday)

March 27,
April 24,
May 22,
Jun 26,
Jul 24,
Aug 28,
Sep 25,
Oct 23,

Future Meeting Date (3rd Friday)

Feb 20,
Nov 20,
Dec 18,

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