

# New Hampshire Rail Transit Authority

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**Minutes**  
**September 27, 2013**  
**10:00 am**  
**Concord NH**  
**LOB 203**

Present: Tim Moore, Patrick Herlihy, Michael King, Richard Cane, Daniel Barufaldi, Sean Owen, David Preece, Tom Mahon, Kerrie Diers, Malcolm Taylor, Ted Starkweather, Mark Brewer, Michael Izbicki, Mike Tardiff

- I. Chair Mahon called the meeting to order at 10:05 am
  
- II. Mahon welcomed new members Dick Cane and Daniel Barufaldi and recognized the reappointments of Michael Izbicki and Michael King by Governor Hassan.
  
- III. Public Input – Representative from Operation Life Saver provided information regarding recent conferences and new flyer.
  
- IV. Election of Officers – Mahon opened the floor for nominations. Mike Izbicki nominated David Preece for Vice Chair. No other nominations were made. Mahon closed the nominations. David Preece was nominated unanimously.
  
- V. Minutes of April 2013 – David Preece made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Michael King. Mahon read a proposed correction to the minutes submitted by Steve Pesci. Ted Starkweather submitted a minor correction. Minutes approved as amended. Izbicki, Cane and Barufaldi abstained.
  
- VI. Updates –

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- a. Board membership. Governor's Office is aware of the vacancies that need appointment. There is one more vacant seat to be appointed. Mahon has been following up on other vacancies.
  - b. Public relations/Education Services: The review committee will meet October 8 to review and score the two proposals that were submitted. Both firms are New Hampshire-based.
  - c. NH Capital Corridor: Herlihy reviewed the one page project overview. Over 50 stakeholder meetings have been held. They have been meeting with MBTA which has been positive. They are looking at 6 different alternatives with both rail and bus. They hope to schedule an advisory committee meeting in December with the next public meeting in Concord after that. Website is up and running [www.nhcapitalcorridor.com](http://www.nhcapitalcorridor.com) . Preliminary estimates may be complete as soon as this fall but not scheduled to be completed until spring.
  - d. Plaistow – Herlihy reported that there was an August 22 kick off meeting which was well attended. There will be a meeting with Selectmen soon to discuss their expectations for the study. Mahon provided his perspectives about the meeting. There is a website for the project: [www.plaistowstudy.org](http://www.plaistowstudy.org) Barufaldi suggested we reach out to the Downeaster which encountered a similar situation with the Brunswick layover facility. It looks like it will be resolved successfully, so we may want to find out how they worked with the town.
  - e. State and Federal Legislation – none
  - f. Tiger 5 applications – Congratulations to NH North Coast in receiving the grant to upgrade the line. The grant in Coos County was not successful in this round. With a limited amount of federal funding, each state received some grant funding but not all that was requested. The North Coast project was the smallest grant awarded.
- VII. Outreach:
- a. Herlihy reported that Councilor Burton was trying to schedule a rail day on the Downeaster sometime in the fall. Herlihy recommended that the NHRTA sponsor the event as part of outreach. The board agreed and Mahon will serve as the point person for the NHRTA.

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- b. Mahon reminded the group about the GACIT hearings that are going on through the month of October.

VIII. Other Discussion:

- a. Committees
- b. Other

- IX. Adjourn: David Preece moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 seconded by Malcolm Taylor.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kerrie Diers, Clerk

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