

New Hampshire Rail Transit Authority

Minutes **October 25, 2013** **10:00 am** **Concord NH** **LOB 203**

Present: Tim Moore, Patrick Herlihy, Michael King, Richard Cane, Sean Owen, David Preece, Tom Mahon, Tim Roache for Kerrie Diers, Malcolm Taylor, Ted Starkweather, Mark Brewer, Michael Izbicki, Mike Tardiff, Mark Brewer, Stephen Pesci, Sandra Keans, Raymond Gagnon, Jonathon Edwards, Carlos Baia

- I. **Call to Order** - Chair Mahon called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. Mahon welcomed new members Jonathon Edwards and Carlos Baia.
- II. **Public Input** – No members of the public chose to speak.
- III. **Minutes of September 27, 2013** – David Preece made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Ted Starkweather. The minutes were approved as written. Baia, Edwards, Pesci, Cane and Brewer abstained.
- IV. **Election of the Treasurer and Executive Committee** – The board discussed the election of the Treasurer and agreed to postpone the election until January. Next Mahon nominated Mike Izbicki to serve on the Executive Committee. There was a motion to approve the nomination by Cane seconded by Preece. The motion passed unanimously.
- V. **Act on the recommendation of the Consultant Selection Subcommittee** - Mahon suggested moving the item to the end of the agenda. The members present agreed.
- VI. **November and December Meeting Dates** – Mahon led a brief discussion of a discrepancy in the bylaws regarding the meeting dates. He proposed November 15 and

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December 20 (third Friday) for the next two meetings to avoid holiday conflicts. There was agreement among the members present.

VII. **Proposed Attendance By-law Discussion** – Mahon referenced the NHRTA by-laws and led a brief discussion of a proposed revision to the by-laws in a way to improve attendance resulting in a quorum of members at each meeting. King made a motion, seconded by Brewer to adopt the proposed changes. After a discussion the motion was withdrawn and it was agreed that the Executive Committee should address issues with the by-laws and attendance. Mahon set the Executive Committee meeting for November 15 at 9:30 AM and stated that it will be open to the public.

VIII. **Updates –**

- a. NH Capitol Corridor: Herlihy briefed the board on the status of the Capitol Corridor Study. He stated the next round of stakeholder meetings will be held next week and the advisory board will meet in December.
- b. State and Federal Legislation: No updates
- c. Plaistow: Herlihy stated that the Plaistow Selectmen will be discussing the proposed schedule for the Plaistow project on October 28.
- d. Exeter Station: No Update
- e. Hampton Branch: Herlihy concluded with a brief discussion of the Hampton Branch purchase stating that the NHDOT is seeking an independent cost estimate to aid in negotiations.

IX. **Outreach:**

No discussion.

X. **Other Discussion:**

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There was none

- XI. **Non-public session:** Mahon Stated that the Board will move to nonpublic session to act on the recommendation of the Consultant Selection Subcommittee. Mahon stated the grounds for the nonpublic session citing NH RSA 91A:3 (j) as Consideration of confidential, commercial, or financial information that is exempt from public disclosure under RSA 91-A:5, IV in an adjudicative proceeding pursuant to RSA 541 or RSA 541-A.

There was a motion to enter into nonpublic session by Izbicki with a second by King. There was a roll call vote.

Patrick Herlihy, yes

Tom Mahon, yes

Sean Owen, yes

Tim Roache for Kerrie Diers, yes

David Preece, yes

Michael King, yes

Michael Izbicki, yes

Richard Cane, yes

Michael Tardiff, yes

Mark Brewer, yes

Stephen Pesci, yes

Robert Hall, yes

Tim Moore, yes

Sandra Keans, yes

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Raymond Gagnon, yes

Jonathan Edwards, yes

Malcolm Taylor, yes

Ted Starkweather, yes

Paul Grenier, yes

Carlos Baia, yes

The Board came out of nonpublic session.

XII. **Adjourn:** Preece moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:11 seconded by Brewer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tim Roache for Kerrie Diers, Clerk

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