

New Hampshire Rail Transit Authority

Chair: Tom Mahon
Vice Chair: David Preece

Meeting
January 23, 11:00 am
LOB Room 203
(State Street, Concord, NH)

I. Call to Order

Chair Mahon called the meeting to order at 11: 03 AM.

In attendance: Richard Cane, Dan Kelly, Dan Barufaldi, Nancy Larson, Ted Starkweather, Malcolm Taylor, Jonathan Edwards, David Preece, Tom Mahon, Mike Izbicki, Tim Roche, Tim Moore, Steve Pesci, Bob Hall, Bob Jaffin, Carlos Baia, Patrick Herlihy, Mike Tardiff.

Chair Mahon requested that all those present who were not NHRTA directors briefly leave the room while the Authority met with its newly assigned State's Attorney – Matthew Broadhead.

Attorney Broadhead introduced himself and provided some clarity about conflict of regulations as they would apply to NHRTA directors. He also reminded directors to complete the State's Financial Disclosure form.

Chair Mahon called everyone back into the room and continued the meeting at 11:10 AM.

II. Comments from the Press and Public

None.

III. Minutes –December 19, 2014

David Preece made a motion to approve the minutes. Malcolm Taylor made the second. The motion to approve the minutes passed 13-0-5. Abstaining: Tim Roche, Steve Pesci, Nancy Larson, Tom Mahon

IV. Annual Meeting

- A. Chair Mahon presented the Annual Report. Highlights include the educational and outreach activities that occurred throughout 2014, a report on the Golden Eagle, a privately funded, Portland-Montreal service will use the Mountain Division and Conway Branch rights-of-way brief summaries of all the existing rail projects underway, and a brief update on the economic and development impacts that will be given a boost with the implementation of the NHCC..
- B. Chair Mahon Recognized Steve Pesci for his NNEPRA award and will prepare a proclamation for Kerrie Diers for her long-standing service to the NHRTA.
- C. Tim Moore presented the slate of NHRTA as prepared by the Nominating Committee (Tim Moore, Dan Kelly, William Craig)
- D. Chair Mahon asked if there were any nominations from the floor. Being none, he asked for a motion to move the slate of officers prepared by the Nominating

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Committee. Richard Cane so moved, Steve Pesci seconded the motion. Motion passed 18-0-0.

V. Old Business

- A. Malcolm Taylor expressed thanks to the previous core of officers for their time and dedication to the NHRTA.
- B. Mike Izbicki extended a special thanks to To Mahon for his service as chair of the Authority.
- C. The NHCC Final Report on the Alternatives Analysis will be completed in mid-February and its release will be coordinated through the Governor's Office. Including appendices, the full report is approximately 1800-2000 pages in length.
- D. **Committee Reports:**
 - a. **Finance Committee** – Nothing to report.
 - b. **Public Relations Committee**
 - i. Trying to get a new or extended contract for Montagne- the PR firm that has been working with the Authority as part of the FTA/FRA funding for the Alternatives Analysis.
 - ii. Steve Pesci gave KUDOs to Montagne – they did good work and they were good to work with. He also in concurrence with those who recommended the NHRTA continue to find funding for future work.
 - iii. Peter Griffin recommended the NHRTA prepare a standard NHCC presentation that many different groups to use to advocate for the NHCC.
 - c. **Project Committee** – Brief updates from Claremont, Plaistow, Exeter, Durham, and Somersworth. Strategic Plan being developed.
 - d. **Legislation** – Brief update on SB63 (NHRTA reorg), SB88 (PPP), report on SB63 amendment that added Somersworth to the list of Advisory Board members.

VI. New Business

- A. Review of Executive Board membership
- B. February meeting date – 2/20/15.

VII. **Outreach:** Nothing additional reported.

VIII. **Other Business:** None.

IX. **Comments from Press and Public:** None

X. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:15

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Moore

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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