

# New Hampshire Rail Transit Authority

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

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**Chair: Mike Izbicki**  
**Vice Chair: David Preece**

**Director's Meeting**  
**June 24, 2015, 10:00 am**  
**LOB Room 204**  
**State Street, Concord, NH 03302**

## **I. Call to Order**

**Attendees:** Carlos Baia, Dan Barufaldi, Mark Brewer, William Craig, Jonathan Edwards, Bob Hall, Patrick Herlihy, Dan Kelly, Tom Mahon, Tim Moore, David Preece, Ted Starkweather, and Malcolm Taylor.

**No quorum present at opening of meeting.**

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

## **II. Comments from the Press and Public**

Peter Griffin reported that

## **III. Minutes – Minutes of the April 24, 2015 and May 22, 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. Claremont project committee is working to make the Claremont station more passenger friendly including an enclosed shelter. The Northern New England Rail Initiative (NNERI) is conducting the rail corridor study project. A Service Development plan should be ready soon. This high-speed corridor will include a station stop at Claremont. The consulting firm of HDR is conducting the
4. Public Relations Committee: Nothing to report.

## **VI. Legislative Updates**

1. SB63 – Passed both Houses, will take effect 60 days after the Governor signs the bill.
2. SB88 – Passed both Houses.
3. HB25 – Passed, but did not include the \$4 million for the NHCC.

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## Public Out-Reach Update

### VII. Public Out-Reach Update

Dan Kelly stated the most important thing we need to do is to be able to answer the question, "How can we pay for the NHCC?" The answer needs to include both the initial capital outlay and the on-going cash subsidy. Dan continued that he felt some contribution from each of the station cities and the airport should contribute some fair share amount of the probable \$11 million annual subsidy.

Carlo Baia stated that this could be a big hurdle for the cities.

Jonathan Edwards stated that MBTA assesses each of its 78 cities/towns on a per capita basis.

Dan Barufaldi added that each of the Downeaster station cities/towns pays for the station maintenance and upkeep.

Mike Lemmon added that in Massachusetts, \$0.03 of the cigarette tax goes to the MBTA.

Patrick Herlihy added that we, the Rail Authority, needs to develop a strategy for funding the project.

David Preece stated that the Finance Committee should be working this problem. Tom Mahon stated he would take the initiative to get this underway in Mike Izbicki's absence. Tom also stated we need to follow the progress of the Public Private Partnership (P3) committee.

Peter Griffin added that this effort should be expanded to include all members of the soon-to-be-formed Advisory Board.

Bob Hall stated we should focus on the education piece of the puzzle. This is something that we could start right away and would be probably be needed for potential partners in any P3 relationships that might be formed.

William Craig will help with the education piece for Manchester, Carlo Baia will do the same for Concord.

Jonathan Edwards pointed out we need to be careful of how we do cost sharing. For example cities that are contributing may feel that surrounding communities are getting the use of the rail service without contributing.

Tom Mahon added that we also need to be careful to make sure when we make suggestions about potential cost sharing ideas, that the ideas should not be interpreted as mandates.

Bob Hall pointed out the need to find legislators that are willing to advance rail in the legislature.

Tom Mahon stated the Nashua Chamber of Commerce is eager to work with the NHRTA to implement the NHCC service. There is a lot of enthusiasm for rail.

Patrick Herlihy stated that an RFP was sent out for an upgrade to the tracks on the Mountain Division and Conway Branches so that passenger rail could be supported on those tracks. Responses are due by August 17, 2015.

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## VII. Other Discussion

The July meeting will be cancelled; the next meeting will be on 8/28/15.

## IX. Adjournment

Patrick Herlihy made a motion to adjourn. Jonathan Edwards seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:10 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Moore

Future Meeting Dates (4<sup>th</sup> Friday)

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

Future Meeting Date (3<sup>rd</sup> Friday)

Feb 20,  
Nov 20,  
Dec 18,