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NEW HAMPSHIRE PASSENGER TRAMWAY SAFETY BOARD MEETING MINUTES - 10/12/2021

Announcement by the Chair:

Chairman Mark Petrozzi opened the meeting, introduced himself and welcomed the group to the meeting. He advised that board member Stan Judge would be absent from today's meeting and that a quorum for this meeting has been met.

Invited members included (*absentees noted in italics*):

- **Mark Petrozzi, Chair, Insurance Industry**
- ***Stanley Judge, Public Member***
- **Kris Blomback, Ski Industry**
- **Steve Howell, Ski Industry**

Other Attendees: Members from the Department of Safety - Catherine Goff, Nancy Ettelson, Scott Woolfenden, Heidi Barba and Marta Modigliani. Also in attendance were members from the industry having an interest in today's meeting or industry members who are petitioning the board for variances and/or waivers – Richard Oaks, Mt. Cranmore, Ryan Brenenstuhl, Doppelmayr USA, John Devivo, George Lemerese, Tim Tapply, Cannon Mountain and William Mayo, TowPro Lifts.

Order of Business: Meeting was called to order at 10:16 am.

This meeting is being recorded.

Board Member Packets Included: Agenda for the October 12, 2021 meeting, draft minutes from the August 17, 2021 meeting, variance application from Cannon Mountain & Franconia Ski Club, a waiver request from Black Mountain, a modification project request from Cranmore Mountain Resort (system modification to Doppelmayr Connect), an application for new construction, modification or relocation and registration of wire rope tow or fiber rope tow, copies of rule documents titled - Readopt Pas 209, effective 1-11-12 (document #10071), and Chapter Pas 200 - Passenger Tramway Safety Board Hearing and Procedural rules.

On a Motion: Kris Blomback motioned to accept the minutes of August 17, 2021. Steve Howell 2nd the motion. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

New Business:

a. **Cranmore: Request to delay 7 year testing, skimobile Express**

This request is to delay 7 year testing, skimobile express – Can this testing be delayed until 2022.

An overview was provided by Ryan Brenenstuhl, Doppelmayr USA who provided information on upgrades of Doppelmayr products, electrical, hydraulics, anti-collision derailing mechanisms, restraining bars, installing the newest generation of controls, etc. – Updates would take approximately 2 months to complete.

Today's request is to delay the load test.

On a Motion: Steve Howell motioned to allow Cranmore to delay the load test by one year on the 1995 Doppelmayr 4, Tram # 3. Kris Blomback 2nd the motion. All in favor. Motion Carried.

b. **Cannon Mtn: Request for operational allowances for Valar T-Bar**

An overview/reasoning was provided by John Devivo, Timothy Tapply, and George Lemerese. There are 2 parts to the request 1.) Seeking an acceptance for loading and unloading of U8 and U10 skiers and riders to load and unload the Valar T-bar at 8:30am for Cannon and Franconia club activities. This would take place prior to Cannon Mountain opening. 2.) Provide a tow path crossing that would be groomed/maintained and roped off for cross traffic for the specified activities identified in part 1, with specific signage that would identify the pathway.

On a Motion: Steve Howell motioned to accept Cannon Mtns request as specified in their proposal presented to the Board that would allow for specific rider(s) to be loaded/unloaded at 8:30 am and before the opening of Cannon Mtn. for Cannon and Franconia club activities, and to allow a tow path for the identified activities that would be clearly marked. Kris Blomback 2nd the motion. All in favor. Motion Carried.

On a Motion: Steve Howell motioned to withdraw his above motion, and present a new motion.

On a Motion: Steve Howell motioned to accept Cannon Mtns proposal and require additional modifications be added to the request that would include training of coaches, adding emergency shut down switches, and permanently install a two-way voice communication system between the prime mover control point, drive system building, if any, for loading stations, and unloading stations. The communication shall be functional and audible during operation when the skier(s)/rider(s) are unloaded on the Valar-T-bar at a designated unload area identified as being after tower 4. This acceptance is for club activities and is limited to a dedicated timeframe of - 8:30am and before opening of Cannon Mtn. to the general public. Also, a tow path crossing is approved for this activity at a designated crossing location just after tower 4. This tow path is to be clearly marked. Kris Blomback 2nd the motion. All in favor, Motion Carried.

c. **Black Mtn: Request for a waiver from the chair relocation/clip testing for the 2021-2022 season for Riblet Clips**

The representative for this request was unable to attend today's meeting. With this, the Chair identified the request of Black Mountain as referenced in their letter dated September 8, 2021. This request asks for a waiver of the requirement that they relocate and test Riblet clips. The request is to allow for a 1-year grace period. This request is for the 2021-2022 season only.

On a Motion: Kris Blomback motioned to grant the waiver seeking relief from the NDT cycle and relocation requirement. Steve Howell 2nd the motion. All in favor. Motion Carried.

On a Motion: Kris Blomback motioned to withdraw his above motion, and present a new motion.

Discussion included reference to service bulletins that identify current requirements. Chief Inspector Briggs Lockwood was called for clarification and opinion of this request. As a group, it was discussed - consensus is that it could be allowed as long as it was agreeable that the following year Black Mountain would get back on schedule. A phone call to Black Mtn. GM John Fichera was made. Mr. Fichera agreed that he would double up the following year on the requirements to be back on the regular cycle, if the Board would allow this waiver request.

On a Motion: Kris Blomback motioned to grant the waiver allowing for a 1 year grace period with the agreement that the ski area will be back on track the following year. The GM has verbally agreed to this board's requirement. Steve Howell 2nd the motion. All in favor. Motion Carried.

d. **Application for Construction, TowPro: Application for 10 HP model to be used as a demo**

William Mayo addressed the board, advising that he would like to move forward on demoing a portable rope tow system around various locations throughout NH for the 2021-2022 season. He identified changes made to the system and has incorporated suggestions identified during a demo that was provided to most of this group in the past.

The Chair advised that this board could not provide input or take action as the application omits a sign off by a NH P.E.

Heidi Barba and Marta Modigliani reviewed with the Board the legal department's suggested changes to the Passenger Tramway Safety Board's Hearing and Procedural Rules (handout). Six suggested modifications/changes were brought to the Board's attention and discussed.

On a Motion: Kris Blomback motioned to approve the recommendations by amending and/or repealing language as discussed. Steve Howell 2nd the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Next Scheduled Meeting:

Our next scheduled Board Meeting is November 16, 2021 – 10:00am at Stockade Lodge, Gunstock Ski Resort. The posting for this upcoming meeting will be taken care of by the legal department. A public hearing needs to be scheduled **after** November 15th.

On a Motion: Kris Blomback motioned to adjourn the meeting. Steve Howell 2nd the motion. All in favor, Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned 12:51pm

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