

2-2-2015 MEETING OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE PASSENGER TRAMWAY SAFETY BOARD

MINUTES

Present:

Members

Selden Hannah

Stan Judge

Mark Petrozzi

Industry

John Reed

Canobie Lake Park

Rich Combs

Skytrans

NH Department of Safety

Nancy Ettelson

Briggs

Selden called the meeting to order at 9:20. The Board reviewed the draft minutes from the 10-28-2014 meeting.

Motion to accept the minutes: Stan Judge

Second: Mark Petrozzi

Approved unanimously.

The Board reviewed the application from Canobie Lake Park for a new low voltage control system for their Skyride.

Rich Combs explained that the drawings have been reviewed and are compliant with the B.77.1 standard, 2011 edition.

Mark asked about the generators that can provide power to run the lift. John Reed explained that there are two generators that could do this. They are test run weekly; the evacuation motor on the lift is operated every day.

Selden commented that there is no reference in the cover letter to the NH administrative rules. Rich Combs offered to make a written change on the letter; the Board indicated that this would be acceptable.

There was further discussion.

Motion to accept the application: Stan Judge

Second: Mark Petrozzi

Approved unanimously.

The Board reviewed the application for construction from Granite Gorge for a carousel. There was some discussion about how these devices were approved in the past. They are considered a surface lift such as a j-bar or t-bar.

A review of minutes of Tramway Board meetings of November 7, 1997, January 21, 1998, and March 17, 1998, indicates that once the initial design is approved, no further engineering would be necessary. Also, these devices were accepted or pre-certification.

The design of these devices being somewhat unique compared to other tramways, and thus not directly represented in the tramway standard, the Board, based on the applications approved in 1997 and 1998, and recorded in the meeting minutes listed above agree that the design is acceptable; that the installation would need to be inspected to be compliant with the manufacturer's requirements prior to registration. With the approval of this application, the Board recognizes the design to be pre-certified to the current date.

Motion to accept: Mark Petrozzi

Second: Stan Judge

Approved unanimously.

The Board reviewed the plans by Black Mountain to make changes to antenna equipment that has been located on a chairlift tower. The necessary engineer review has been completed, and the letter accompanies the drawings.

No action taken.

Briggs and Nancy updated the Board on the finished construction from 2014.

There was some discussion regarding the compilation of accident reports.

The Board discussed its membership; the question was raised whether it is acceptable for a board member to appoint a proxy member who could fill in for a member in his absence. It also has been suggested that an alternate member might be appropriate.

Briggs will check with the Department of Safety's legal staff to see about an appointed proxy member; it is clear that it would take an amendment to RSA 225-A to create a new member, even an alternate.

Mark made a motion to adjourn at 11:00. Stan Seconded. Approved unanimously.

The Board did not set a date for the next meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Briggs Lockwood