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Table with 4 columns: Brian Heon (Member, Term exp. 6/20/21), Mark Petrozzi (Chairman, Term exp. 6/20/20), Vacant (Member, Term exp. 6/20/22), Stanley Judge (Member)

NEW HAMPSHIRE PASSENGER TRAMWAY SAFETY BOARD MEETING MINUTES 03/05/2020 Final

Attendees:

Board Members: Mark Petrozzi, Chairman
Stan Judge
Brian Heon

NH DOS: Briggs Lockwood Chief inspector
Scot Woolfenden Inspector
Nancy Ettelson Inspector

Industry: Jay Scambio Loon Mtn Resort
Steve Howell Loon Mtn Resort

Present by conference call:

Eric Mann Doppelmayr, USA
Ed DiRosa Doppelmayr, USA
Steve Kirner Doppelmayr, USA

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The meeting was called to order by Chairman Petrozzi at 10:02 AM.

**Agenda item #1:**

Recognition/reflection for Bob Hoyt.

Chairman Petrozzi would like to extend to the Hoyt family the thoughts and prayers of the NH Tramway board and the people of NH on the passing of Board member Bob Hoyt. Bob served on the NH Tramway board diligently for 30 years. His dedication and service to the skiing community will be sorely missed.

Chairman Petrozzi asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of Bob Hoyt.

**Agenda item #2:**

Review draft minutes from the 1-31-20 meeting.

Motion made by Brian Heon to accept the minutes as presented.

Second by Stan Judge.

Chairman Petrozzi had some grammatical changes which he outlined and gave to the secretary.

No further discussion.

Motion passed with the noted changes. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Petrozzi asked if all present would please identify themselves, as there were several individuals on conference call.

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### **Agenda item #3:**

Application for construction, Loon Mt.; New 8-passenger direct drive chairlift.

Steve Howell walked the Board through the application for construction of the 8-passenger detachable lift that Loon is proposing. As this was a preliminary application there were some items that had yet to be determined.

Chairman Petrozzi asked what would be the date on the application. The date on the application would be 3/1/2020.

The major concern of the Board was the braking situation and how to address the issue. This new installation does not meet the ANSI standard 3.1.2.6.1 Service brake. It applies all brakes to the same braking surface. There is a provision for an exception or variance to this standard that is available to the authority having jurisdiction.

The individuals on the conference call stated that there is an amendment proposed to the 2017 ANSI standard 3.1.2.6.1 that addresses this situation. Steve Howell handed a hard copy of the proposed change to the Board along with a fact sheet on the proposed brakes to be utilized. This change is still in the approval stages and has not been finalized.

Steve Howell asked the Board what the timetable on a proposed amendment such as this would be. Brian Heon explained from the ANSI committee side it would probably take up to a year. Chairman Petrozzi followed up by explaining that once ANSI made their determination it would still need to be approved by NH. That process could take several years. The board felt the best way to proceed would be through the variance/exception avenue.

Stan Judge explained that ANSI 1.2.3 Exceptions spells out what is needed. He emphasized that it states "permit the use of other devices or methods that provide features comparable to those included in this standard". Therefore, it is up to Loon and the lift

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designers to provide the Board with documentation and information that will allow the Board to make a determination on the variance/exception. That determination should be made to insure the integrity of the standard is upheld and the change proposed will not degrade the intent of the standard.

Briggs Lockwood pointed out that the application and engineering documentation would need to be signed by a NH registered engineer.

Motion made by Brian Heon: To table the application for construction of an 8-passenger detachable chairlift pending completion of the application.

Seconded by Stan Judge.

No further discussion.

Motion passed. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Petrozzi asked the Board to consider the Board seat vacated by the passing of Bob Hoyt. He felt it was in the Boards best interest to move quickly to ensure a full Board.

He asked for input from all Board members. Stan Judge stated that the open seat was the surface lift representative. Therefore, he felt any individual should at least operate a surface lift to be eligible. Brian Heon expressed that it should be an individual who is associated with an active ski area. The Board did not endorse any individual at this time.

The Board set the next meeting date for Thursday, April 9, 2020 at 10:00 am. Meeting to be held at Loon Mtn Ski Resort.

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The Board would like to thank Loon Mtn for hosting the meeting and look forward to returning next month.

Motion made by Brian Heon; To adjourn the meeting.  
Second by Stan Judge.

No further discussion.

Motion passed. Vote was unanimous.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Scot Woolfenden.

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