

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE



Passenger Tramway Safety Board



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Mark Petrozzi
Chairman
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Stanley Judge
Member
Term exp. 6/20/19

Kris Blomback
Member
Term exp. 6/20/22

5-27-2020 NEW HAMPSHIRE PASSENGER TRAMWAY SAFETY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Present:

Tramway Board:

Mark Petrozzi, Chairman
Stan Judge
Kris Blomback

NH DOS

Nancy Ettelson
Scot Woolfenden
Briggs Lockwood

Industry

Rich Combs, Skytrans
Richard Oakes, Cranmore
Brian Norton, Loon Mt.
Steve Howell, Loon Mt.
John DeVivo, Cannon Mt.

Mark called the meeting to order at 9:00.

1. Review draft minutes from the 3-5-2020 meeting.
The Board reviewed the draft. There was a spelling correction on page three; also on page three, in the third paragraph, the word 'the' needs to be inserted in the first sentence, so that it reads 'The individuals on *the* conference call...'
Motion to accept with the changes: Stan Judge.
Second: Mark Petrozzi.
Approved unanimously.

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2. Cannon Mt. Maintenance Schedule, Tramway.

John DeVivo from Cannon Mt. explained that the current plans are to schedule the overhaul to the tramway carriages this fall, the challenge being with the limited availability of the contractor. Even though this overhaul has been delayed, the timing is still within the original manufacturer's acceptable schedule.
No action taken.

3. Tenney Mt. Complaint.

Briggs explained the situation regarding the operation of a lift with no top attendant. A written complaint was received, and notification of the Tramway Board is required by law. The Board members reviewed the complaint, and the response from Tenney Mt. There was some discussion. The Board agreed that operation of a chairlift even for employees with no top attendant constitutes a hazard; further, that allowing non-employees to use the lift constitutes allowing the 'public'. The B. 77.1 Standard requires a top attendant when a lift is used by the public.

Chairman Petrozzi agreed to draft a letter that will be sent to the operator at Tenney Mt. regarding this situation.

4. Loon Mt. Application for Construction new 8 Passenger Chairlift.

Steve Howell presented additional information for Loon Mt. Steve pointed out that some of the information has not been converted from metric. Steve went through the application with the Board.

There was some discussion about the variance that will be needed for the service brake. There is an amendment to the B.77.1 Standard that is being worked on, but will not be approved in by the time this lift is ready for approval. This issue will need to be addressed through section 1.2.3 of the standard, which allows the Authority Having Jurisdiction to grant an exception. Stan pointed out that there must have been a good reason that the standard did not allow the service brake to act on the same surface as the bullwheel brake; the Board will need a solid justification to allow that design. Stan also pointed out that the design certification needs to refer to the NH Administrative rules Pas 100-300, which is the document that adopts the B.77.1 Standard, with amendments.

Motion to table the application: Kris Blomback

Second: Stan Judge

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5. Cranmore, Application for Construction, conversion of chairlift for carrying bikes.
Rich Combs presented the application and design package to the Board. Rich described the design of the bike carriers, and how they work with the existing chairs, and the lift. He explained that all possible loading scenarios will work within the existing parameters for loading for which the lift was originally designed. There was some discussion. Scot Woolfenden asked about the grade of fasteners for the bike racks; Rich indicated that everything will be grade 5, and the as-built documents will show this.
Motion to accept: Stan Judge.
Second: Kris Blomback.
Approved unanimously.
6. The Board discussed whether the Tramway Bureau could provide checklist-type documents that would help applicants determine what submittals would be required for various applications. Briggs showed the Board a document that currently exists. Briggs agreed that individual lists could be created that are more specific to particular applications.
No action taken.
7. The Board discussed the status of the Tramway Board members. There is a vacancy with the resignation of Brian Heon.
Steve Howell from Loon Mt. has expressed interest in filling the position. Steve offered a brief explanation of his interest.
The Board reviewed the different areas of the industry that the Board members are appointed to serve. This open position would be a representative for the areas that operate aerial lifts. This topic will be on the agenda at the next meeting.

The Board set the date for the next meeting for Thursday, June 25th, at 10:00 AM, location to be announced later.

Motion to adjourn: Kris Blomback
Second: Stan Judge
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Respectfully Submitted,

W. Briggs Lockwood
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