



THE '0-4-0'



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AUGUST 2009 — FIRST SECTION

NASHUA VALLEY RAILROAD ASSOCIATION, INC.
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TIMETABLE

SUNDAY 7:00 PM TO 9:30 PM
THURSDAY 7:00 PM TO 9:30 PM
SATURDAY 7:00 PM TO 9:30 PM

Association Officers

Jay Berry, President
Larry Roberts, Vice-President
Pete D'Olimpio, Treasurer
Bob Johnson, Secretary
Scott Lukas, Corresponding Secretary

Association Board of Directors

Jim Fenner, Chairman, 2nd Year Member
Scott Lukas, 2nd Year Member
Don Carlton, 1st Year Member
Matt Paquette, 1st Year Member
Mal Houck, 1 Year Member
Bryan Miller, Alternate

CURRENT PUBLICATIONS VERSIONS

By-Laws	9 September 2009	updated Article 2, Associate Membership
Rules and Regulations	18 July 2009	
House Rules	18 July 2009	
Policies	18 July 2009	
Standards	18 July 2009	

CALENDAR

Thursday 9/3	7:00 PM	work meeting
Saturday 9/5	7:00 PM	work meeting
Sunday 9/6	7:00 PM	work meeting
Thursday 9/10	7:00 PM	work meeting
Saturday 9/12	7:00 PM	work meeting
Sunday 9/13	7:00 PM	pre-meeting BOD meeting
	7:15 PM	monthly business meeting
	8:30 PM	monthly BOD meeting
Thursday 9/17	7:00 PM	work meeting
Saturday 9/19	7:00 PM	work meeting
Sunday 9/20	7:00 PM	work meeting
Thursday 9/24	7:00 PM	work meeting
Saturday 9/26	7:00 PM	work meeting
Sunday 9/27	7:00 PM	work meeting
Thursday 10/1	7:00 PM	work meeting
Saturday 10/3	7:00 PM	work meeting

Sunday 10/4	10:00 AM to 4:00 PM	Pepperell Siding show at Varnum Brook School in Pepperell
	7:00 PM	pre-meeting BOD meeting
	7:15 PM	monthly business meeting
	8:30 PM	monthly BOD meeting
Thursday 10/8	7:00 PM	work meeting
Saturday 10/10	7:00 PM	work meeting
Sunday 10/11	7:00 PM	work meeting
Thursday 10/15	7:00 PM	work meeting
Saturday 10/17	7:00 PM	work meeting
Sunday 10/18	7:00 PM	work meeting
Thursday 10/22	7:00 PM	work meeting
Saturday 10/24	7:00 PM	work meeting
Sunday 10/25	7:00 PM	work meeting
Thursday 10/29	7:00 PM	work meeting
Saturday 10/31	7:00 PM	work meeting
Sunday 11/1	7:00 PM	pre-meeting BOD meeting
	7:15 PM	monthly business meeting
	8:30 PM	monthly BOD meeting

MINUTES OF THE 2 AUGUST 2009 MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING OF THE NASHUA VALLEY RAILROAD ASSOCIATION

Meeting opened at 1920 EDT by Secretary Bob Johnson with 12 members (1 Life, 9 Active, 2 Alumni, and 0 Junior) and 0 applicants present.

REPORTS

Secretary Bob Johnson read the minutes of the June session of the annual business meeting. Scott Lukas moved and Paul Diamond seconded to accept the minutes of the June meeting as read – approved unanimously. Bob then read the minutes of the special June 28th business meeting. Jim Fenner moved and Paul Diamond seconded to accept the minutes of the special June meeting as read – approved unanimously.

Bob Johnson then reported for Treasurer Pete D'Olimpio as follows:

Profit and Loss Statement June 1-30, 2009:

Revenue:

FY09 dues		\$ 180.00
FY10 dues		\$1,626.27
Soda proceeds		\$ 93.00
Ice cream		\$ 51.00
Interest income: CDs		\$ 11.33
Savings		\$ 2.16
Total Revenue		\$1,963.76

Expenses:

Rent		\$ 968.23
Website hosting	\$	9.99
Electric bill		\$ 79.82
Ice cream		\$ 10.00
Layout		\$ 551.42
Soda		\$ 41.18
Gas		\$.00
Total Expenses		\$1,660.64

Profit/Loss		\$ 303.12
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Ending cash balances:
 Ending balances 6/30/2009

Checking	\$ 626.40
Savings	\$10,052.90
3 CD's	<u>\$3,382.38</u>
Total ending balances	\$14,561.68
less CD's	\$3,382.28
Less emergency fund	<u>\$ 500.00</u>
Available cash	\$10,679.30

1) Profit and Loss Statement July 1-31, 2009:

Revenue:

Soda proceeds	\$ 20.00
Ice cream	\$ 14.99
Interest income: CDs	\$ 11.38
Savings	<u>\$ 2.01</u>
Total Revenue	\$ 47.88

Expenses:

Rent	<u>\$ 968.23</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 968.23</u>
Profit/Loss	\$ (920.35)

Ending cash balances:
 Ending balances 7/31/2009

Checking	\$1,594.63
Savings	\$ 9,123.64
3 CD's	<u>\$3,391.37</u>
Total ending balances	\$14,609.64
less CD's	\$3,391.37
Less emergency fund	<u>\$ 500.00</u>
Available cash	\$10,718.27

Other items to note as follows:

2010 dues paid to date for this year thru July 31 st	\$5,085.50
Estimate of dues to be collected by end of fiscal year	\$4,748.50

Jim Fenner moved and Paul Diamond seconded to accept the Treasurer's report as given – approved unanimously.
 No eBay activity to report.

Layout Chairman Scott Lukas reported that the rest of the CVT tie strip has been received and installed. He reported that he had only a few feet of bridge ties to experiment with. Don Carlton reported on painting of ties with a Testors dark brown looking best but it's rather expensive. He then found a Rustoleum spray can that has been tried – the color is okay once weathered. Painting of rail is being investigated since there are issues with colors and solvents. Spiking of rail is working better than gluing the rail once holes are drilled in the plastic ties. Jim Fenner reported that the double helix is roughly half completed on the uphill section. There is very little need for turnout construction at this time, pending further progress on the mainline. Scott noted that we have a handful of members who have the skills to lay the track but we should try to train more members so that we will have a larger group of members who know how to produce track that meets our layout standards. There has been some redesign on the upper deck to improve operability. An updated version of the latest layout plan has been uploaded to the NVRRA web site. The removable steam engine terminal is being designed. Turnout control is still being re-searched with Tortoise the most likely option – use of DCC decoders will be very expensive so is likely to be either retrofitted or else installed very judiciously. Wiring, including some sort of bus wiring, is still being designed. Wiring drops will need to be installed shortly for all the track that has been laid.

DCC Chairman Scott Lukas reported no changes in the decoder count of 292 and there was significant inventory of salmon colored forms available.

BOD Chairman Jim Fenner had Bob Johnson summarize the minutes of the June and July BOD meetings. Bob Johnson reported for Membership Chairman Pete D'Olimpio that there were no outstanding applications.

OLD BUSINESS:

Second reading of the proposed By-Law change regarding Associate membership. Bob Johnson moved and Scott Lukas seconded to approve the second reading – approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

First reading of the proposed By-Law change regarding the name of the “0-4-0” from the By-Laws. Bob Johnson moved and Scott Lukas seconded to approve the first reading – approved unanimously.

John Muise asked about flyers for Railfair 2010 to distribute at a show in Concord, NH, on August 23rd.

GOOD & WELFARE:

Dining Car stewards for the next 3 months are as follows:

	13 September	Jay Berry	
		Mal Houck	
**	4 October	Scott Lukas	MAY BE MOVED
		Jim Fenner	
	1 November	Bob Johnson	
		Bryan Miller	

Bob Johnson reported on the electronic versions of the Association publications and the Association web site.

Scott Lukas reported on the status of the roof leak. A site meeting with the landlord resulted in identifying the location of the leak and some thorough repairs were made based on our very complete information. The leak appears to be fixed but we will monitor to ensure the repairs were successful.

In the absence of adjournment Officer Chris Detsikas, Don Carlton moved and Mal Houck seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 2012 EDT – approved by unanimous standing vote.

Minutes recorded by Bob Johnson, Secretary

MINUTES OF THE 2 AUGUST 2009 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NASHUA VALLEY RAILROAD ASSOCIATION

Meeting convened at 2020 EDT with the following present:

Jim Fenner	second-year member
Scott Lukas	second-year member and Association Corresponding Secretary
Don Carlton	first-year member
Mal Houck	one-year member
Bryan Miller	alternate
Bob Johnson	Association Secretary
John Muise	Association Member
Paul Diamond	Association Member
Craig Peterson	Association Member

The following were absent:

Matt Paquette	first-year member
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Mal Houck reported that the corporate legal issue regarding the move of our corporate headquarters is still not resolved but should not be an issue. Secretary Bob Johnson will work with Mal to get this resolved.

The Pepperell Siding show was discussed next, with Scott Lukas taking his switching module. Jim Fenner can help with transport and installation of the module. Jim Fenner will ensure that we have applied for a display “table” for the show.

The Club display table banner was discussed, although it is likely to be expensive. Our current banner is an outdoor banner which is more than we really need, but it may be difficult to find something much cheaper. Jim Fenner and Scott Lukas will research availability and pricing.

The Board approved a sum not to exceed \$25 for a FastTrack #8 tiebreaker – approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 2036 EDT

Minutes recorded by Bob Johnson, Secretary

PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGE

The Board of Directors proposes that the current:

ARTICLE 9. PUBLICATION DEPARTMENT.

Section 3. DUTIES;

The duties of the Publications Editor shall be as follows;

A.) The Publications Editor shall be responsible for the production, quality and timely distribution of all Association publications and shall cause to be published the Association's Newsletter, *to be known as the "0-4-0"* and such other publications as are approved by the Board.

Section 4. BUDGET;

The Publications Editor shall submit a budget to the General Membership at the second session of the Annual business meeting for the new Fiscal year. This budget shall include, but not be limited to, general expenses for the "0-4-0" and all expenses for planned publications. It shall not include expenses for printing of stationary and forms which are authorized by the Board as needed.

To be changed to read:

Section 3. DUTIES;

The duties of the Publications Editor shall be as follows;

A.) The Publications Editor shall be responsible for the production, quality and timely distribution of all Association publications and shall cause to be published the Association's Newsletter and such other publications as are approved by the Board. **[reference to name "0-4-0" deleted]**

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The Publications Editor shall submit a budget to the General Membership at the second session of the Annual business meeting for the new Fiscal year. This budget shall include, but not be limited to, general expenses for the **Association's Newsletter** and all expenses for planned publications. **[remainder unchanged]**

NOTICE TO MEMBERS REGARDING ACCESS TO THE ASSOCIATION'S QUARTERS

Our By-Laws provide that new members do not have unescorted access to the Association's Quarters [an access button to unlock the layout room door] until they have been Active Senior members for 6 months. This means that our newer members can only get in to work on the layout when someone else is present to unlock the door and remain there with the newly-elected member(s). There reportedly have been a few instances when our newer members have shown up at the Club, only to find out that nobody else was coming to unlock the door, resulting in a wasted (and sometimes long-distance) trip for the newer member(s). Although summer vacations are now over, there still is a risk that this will happen again increases, especially for Thursday evenings. If you do not have an access button to unlock the door yet, it's a good idea to send out a broadcast e-mail to the General Membership and check for a positive response from one or more members before driving to the Club.