



THE '0-4-0'



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JULY 2009 — SECOND 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

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| By-Laws | 18 July 2009 |
| Rules and Regulations | 18 July 2009 |
| House Rules | 18 July 2009 |
| Policies | 18 July 2009 |
| Standards | 18 July 2009 |

IF THIS LOOKS SUSPICIOUSLY LIKE THE FIRST SECTION BUT WITH THE ADDITION OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL 28 JUNE MEETING, YOU'VE PASSED THE TEST! ACTUALLY, THERE'S ALSO A SPECIAL ITEM ON PAGE 6: THE LATEST DIAGRAM OF OUR NEW LAYOUT SO THIS SECOND SECTION MAY BE WORTH THE BITS AND BYTES TO PRODUCE IT!

CALENDAR

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| Thursday 7/1 | 7:00 PM | work meeting |
| Saturday 7/4 | 7:00 PM | work meeting |
| Sunday 7/5 | 7:00 PM | work meeting |
| 7/5-7/12 | | NMRA National Convention in Hartford |
| Thursday 7/9 | 7:00 PM | work meeting |
| Saturday 7/11 | 7:00 PM | work meeting |
| Sunday 7/12 | 7:00 PM | work meeting |
| Thursday 7/16 | 7:00 PM | work meeting |
| Saturday 7/18 | 7:00 PM | work meeting |
| | 8:00 PM | BOD meeting |
| Sunday 7/19 | 7:00 PM | work meeting |

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| Thursday 7/23 | 7:00 PM | work meeting |
| Saturday 7/25 | 7:00 PM | work meeting |
| Sunday 7/26 | 7:00 PM | work meeting |
| Thursday 7/30 | 7:00 PM | work meeting |
| Saturday 8/1 | 7:00 PM | work meeting |
| Sunday 8/2 | 7:00 PM | pre-meeting BOD meeting |
| | 7:15 PM | monthly business meeting |
| | 8:30 PM | monthly BOD meeting |
| Thursday 8/6 | 7:00 PM | work meeting |
| Saturday 8/8 | 7:00 PM | work meeting |
| Sunday 8/9 | 7:00 PM | work meeting |
| Thursday 8/13 | 7:00 PM | work meeting |
| Saturday 8/15 | 7:00 PM | work meeting |
| Sunday 8/16 | 7:00 PM | work meeting |
| Thursday 8/20 | 7:00 PM | work meeting |
| Saturday 8/22 | 7:00 PM | work meeting |
| Sunday 8/23 | 7:00 PM | work meeting |
| Thursday 8/27 | 7:00 PM | work meeting |
| Saturday 8/29 | 7:00 PM | work meeting |
| Sunday 8/30 | 7:00 PM | work meeting |
| 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 |
| Sunday 10/4 | 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM | Pepperell Siding show at Varnum Brook School in Pepperell |

MINUTES OF THE 28 JUNE 2009 SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING OF THE NASHUA VALLEY RAILROAD ASSOCIATION

Meeting opened at 1917 EDT by President Jay Berry with 11 members (1 Life, 10 Active, 0 Alumni, and 0 Junior) and 0 applicants present.

Secretary Bob Johnson noted that only the following two items could be covered per the agenda:

- layout expenditures

- a proposed change to the By-Laws regarding Associate Membership

There was some discussion regarding proposed construction of a “demo module” based on foam board.

Larry Roberts moved and Jim Fenner seconded to spend a sum not to exceed \$250 for flex track for the helix – approved unanimously.

Jim Fenner moved and Don Carlton seconded to spend a sum not to exceed \$150 for materials for spline roadbed – approved unanimously.

Jim Fenner moved and Mal Houck seconded to approve the change of the By-Laws for Associate membership to allow 24 meetings versus 12 meetings per year – approved unanimously.

Mal Houck moved and Paul Diamond seconded to adjourn the Special Business meeting at 1935 EDT.

Minutes recorded by Bob Johnson, Secretary

MINUTES OF THE 18 JULY 2009 SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NASHUA VALLEY RAILROAD ASSOCIATION

Meeting convened at 2008 EDT with the following present:

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| Jim Fenner | Chairman and second-year member |
| Scott Lukas | second-year member and Association Corresponding Secretary |
| Don Carlton | first-year member |
| Matt Paquette | first-year member |
| Mal Houck | one-year member |
| Bryan Miller | alternate |
| Larry Roberts | Association Vice-President |
| Bob Johnson | Association Secretary |

The following were absent:

None

Secretary Bob Johnson presented proposed By-Law changes to remove the name “0-4-0” as the name of the Association publication and allow the name to be changed in the future without a By-Law change. The Board approved the proposed changes unanimously.

Secretary Bob Johnson reported that he had generated electronic versions of the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations, House Rules, Policies, and Standards in accordance with a directive from the Board at its previous meeting. The electronic versions in the form of PDF files will be e-mailed out to the General Membership. Bob reported that he would also coordinate with the webmaster to load these files to the Association’s web site and start work on uploading newsletter [currently known as the “0-4-0”] files to the web site as well.

Mal Houck raised a possible issue relating to the NVRRA’s corporate office – there may be a legalism to file due to moving from Bolton to Shirley. Mal will research this and report back, coordinating with Bob Johnson if anything needs to be filed with the Massachusetts Secretary of State’s office.

Scott Lukas reported that he had contacted Wendy at the Shirley Middle School and the date of 11 April 2010 is reserved for Railfair 2010. She will work on providing earlier access for setup on that day, but early access will be subject to any other use of the gym on that day.

There was discussion regarding the Pepperell Siding show on Sunday 4 October, running from 1000 to 1600 at the Varnum Brook School. The Board decided that the Club should take a switching module and a new video of our current Quarters to the Pepperell Siding show. While there currently are no plans to sell anything at the show, we probably could rent a table easily enough if some salable materials show up in the meantime.

The Board noted that our banner for the front of a Club display table could use replacing. This will be investigated and discussed further at a future meeting.

Don Carlton showed some turnout tie cutting jigs that he had acquired on the way home from the NMRA National Convention in Hartford.

Scott Lukas reported that the status of the apparent roof leak was unchanged, but he would follow up with our landlord since there was some evidence that the leak still existed, although possibly smaller than before.

The next scheduled Board meeting will be on Saturday 2 August following the August business meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2043 EDT

Minutes recorded by Bob Johnson, Secretary

PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGE

The Board of Directors proposes that the current:

ARTICLE 2 MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. CLASSES;

D.) ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP;

Individuals and organizations may apply for Associate membership to support the Association.

1.) Individual Associate members will be allowed limited membership privileges at a maximum of *twelve (12)* meetings a year. Individual Associate members shall be Eighteen (18) years of age or older and will not have voting rights, the privilege of holding office, or have unescorted access to the Association's Quarters. Each Associate Membership application must be approved by a majority vote of the Board. The Board will monitor

Individual Associate membership and make recommendations to the General Membership for their action. The Board will encourage all individual applicants to seek Active Membership prior to accepting Individual Associate Membership applications. Prior or current Active Members are not eligible for Individual Associate membership. Individual Associate Members must be elected at a business meeting in accordance with Article 3, Section 1, of these By-laws. An Individual Associate member must renew their membership in this class annually. Dues for this class shall be established at the first session of the Annual business meeting in the form of a change to the Rules and Regulations of the Association with Associate Member dues set at one-third of the amount of Active Senior Member dues.

2.) Organizational Associate members will have limited membership privileges in the form of a maximum of *twelve (12)* escorted visits to the Association's meetings a year for their own members. Each Associate Membership application must be approved by a majority vote of the Board. Organizational Associate Members must be elected at a business meeting in accordance with Article 3, Section 1, of these By-laws. An Organizational Associate member must renew their membership in this class annually. Dues for this class shall be established at the first session of the Annual business meeting in the form of a change to the Rules and Regulations of the Association with Associate Member dues set at one-third of the amount of Active Senior Member dues.

To be changed to read:

1.) Individual Associate members will be allowed limited membership privileges at a maximum of **twenty-four (24)** meetings a year. . . . [remainder unchanged]

2.) Organizational Associate members will have limited membership privileges in the form of a maximum of **twenty-four (24)** escorted visits to the Association's meetings a year for their own members. . . . [remainder unchanged]

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.

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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 ASSOCIATION PUBLICATIONS

The following publications have finally been rendered into electronic (PDF file) versions:

**By-Laws
Rules and Regulations
House Rules
Policies
Standards**

These are being sent out with the electronic versions of this newsletter and will be posted to the Association's web site as soon as Secretary Bob Johnson and our webmaster can coordinate the posting. The version is noted at the top of every page in each document and a listing of the current versions of each document will appear in each month's newsletter.

There are two other publications, one each relating to DCC programming and operating sessions, but these require substantial review before being posted. Once these are ready to post, they will be added to the publications on the same basis as the items listed above. Other publications may be added in the future as the Association and/or its officers may deem appropriate.

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). With summer vacations on the horizon, the 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.

Our new layout as currently planned:

