



NH PUBLIC WORKS ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors Meeting
October 14, 2011 – 9:00am – LGC in Concord, NH

PRESENT:

Board Members & Officers:

1. Jennifer Perry, President
2. Bruce Temple, Secretary/Treasurer and NHPWSTC
3. Catherine Schoenenberger, Supplier Rep.
4. Alex Cote, Director at Large and NHPWSTC
5. Scott Kinmond, Director at Large
6. Beth Hamilton, Education Rep. and NHPWSTC

Guests:

1. Bruce Berry, President NHPWSTC
2. Kevin Sheppard, VP NHPWSTC
3. Carl Quiram, NHPWSTC
4. Dave Danielson, Foresee Advocacy, NHPWSTC
5. John Jackman, HTA & NHPWA Committee Chair
6. Nathan Miller, Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission

Call to Order

- Meeting called to order at 9:05am by President Perry.

Special Presentation

- Nathan Miller presented “Many Miles Down a Long Road: An Overview of How Federal Surface Transportation Reauthorization and the FY 2012-2013 State Budget Will Affect New Hampshire’s Transportation System”.
- Miller went into details pertaining to the proposed Mica Plan and Boxer Plan and how they differ from the SAFETEA-LU plan in place currently.

New Hampshire Public Works Standards & Training Council

- Members of both groups discussed the possibility of combining to create one group between the two organizations.
- President Perry began the discussion on the possible convergence asking if both parties agreed it would be a sound move.
- Carl Quiram showed interest in the desire to combine or unite and conquer, that with many voices, the overall Public Works voice goes unheard.
- Bruce Berry, NH Public Works Standards & Training Council, wanted to know who would be taking the lead for the combined groups and how to determine who would lead.
- Berry expressed his feelings that moving forward was much more important for Public Works as a whole, regardless of who was in charge. Willing to form a sub-committee to explore details of combining.
- Kevin Sheppard brought up that people from both groups should meet together to discuss the merging.
- President Perry shares with group that discussion has taken place with Jim Terrell about the possibility to merge NH Public Works Mutual Aid in the future.
- Dave Danielson, brought up the Road Agents Association and the possibility of combining with that organization.
- Alex Cote agrees on the need for a united front to help better represent Public Works needs in legislature.
- Scott Kinmond expresses that NHPWA and NHPWSTC merging would be a step to show other groups how unified forces are more effective.
- Dave Danielson motioned for President Perry of the NH Public Works Association to create a sub-committee to further investigate the possibility of merging with NH Public Works Standards & Training Council. Scott Kinmond seconded. Kevin Sheppard and Carl Quiram offered to serve on the committee, with assistance from others.

Financial Statement

- Bruce Temple introduced September financial statement with known typo in the balance.
- Dues continue to come in.
- Balance \$10,477.55 before all Plow Rally money in from sponsors according to Catherine Schoenenberger including \$300 from Primex, \$100 from NH Public Works Mutual Aid, \$300 from E.W. Sleeper, \$300 from Road Agents Association, and \$100 from the Ralph L. Osgood Corp.
- Schoenenberger requested to check to be sure Hopkinton State Fairgrounds paid for Plow Rally.

Approval of September meeting minutes

- Dave Danielson proposes to change "Congress" to "legislature" in September minutes.
- Catherine Schoenenberger moves to approve minutes with corrections.
- All accept the minutes from the September 9, 2011 meeting

LGC Conference

- The two sessions NHPWA is sponsoring are the Stream-Crossing and Salt Reduction, both on Wednesday November 16, 2011.
- November NHPWA Board meeting will take place at lunchtime on that Wednesday; members can meet on the exhibit floor before noon to walk to lunch (location TBD).
- Beth Hamilton to check on the contract for the booth with LGC and NHPWSTC and T²
- Carl Quiram to set up times for people to be present at the booth.

Local Government Center reduced staff announcement

- Bill Cote from LGC has left.
- NHPWA generally uses approximately \$2,300 of services at LGC for future reference.

Memorial

- NHPWA sent a donation of \$100 to the City of Rutland, Vermont in memory of Michael Garofano who died in line of duty during Tropical Storm Irene.

Plow Rally Overview

- Catherine Schoenenberger offered a review of the 11th Annual Ken Ward Plow Rally in Hopkinton in September.
- Peggy, Ken's widow, was present at Plow Rally.
- LGC paid for catering
- Town of New London team won Plow Rally and beat out the NHDOT team.
- 11 municipal teams competed in the Plow Rally.
- Approximately 150-180 people in attendance.
- Brought in \$2,200.
- Plow Rally 2012 to be held on September 19, 2012.

Construction Career Days

- Catherine Schoenenberger offered a review of the 3rd Annual Construction Career Days in Hopkinton in September.
- 583 students on the Thursday and 408 students on the Friday.
- 50 exhibitors and 6 large pieces of equipment for students to use and explore.
- Governor Lynch visited on the Friday for approximately a half an hour.
- Schoenenberger thanked crews from New London, Franklin, Bow, and Goffstown for their efforts in helping with set-up and break-down of both the Plow Rally and Construction Career Days.
- There was a lack of press, some TV reporters, but no local newspapers. Put out extra effort for coverage next year.
- Construction Career days to be held next year on September 20 and 21, 2012.

Newsletter

- Next issue to come out in December
- President Perry asked Carl to write on his trip to Haiti
- Roch will write to promote the new scholarship
- John Jackman will write on asset management and how to incorporate it while doing projects
- Letter from the President.
- Information on the Donald C. Stone center, the level of certification is rising at the national level.

2012 Annual Meeting Planning

- Find keynote speaker
- Possible dates May 10, 2012 or May 3, 2012; don't want to conflict with Mountain of Demos which is May 24th
- To be held at Derryfield Country Club again, if available.
- Consider using golf tournament in afternoon as fundraiser for the Public Works Memorial; Perry will contact Peter Goodwin to seek out his willingness to chair tournament

Next Meeting

- To be held during the LGC Conference in Manchester on Wednesday, November 16, 2011 at noon.
- December meeting to be held at the LGC on Friday, December 9, 2011 at 9 am.

Adjourn: The BOD adjourned at 11:45am.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Hamilton
NHPWA Educational Representative
October 27, 2011