PRESENT:

Board Members & Officers:

1. Jennifer Perry, President
2. Bruce Temple, Secretary/Treasurer and NHPWSTC
4. Alex Cote, Director at Large and NHPWSTC
5. Scott Kinmond, Director at Large

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.
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