



CONTOOCCOOK RIVERWAY ASSOCIATION
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2019 Annual Report

The past year was full of accomplishments and much needed updates for the Contoocook Depot. We have had another successful year of partnering with the Contoocook Farmer's Market which operates from June through October, bringing people into the village every Saturday. We would like to thank everyone for their support of the Christmas at the Depot fundraising event this year which



continues to be a huge success during the Starry Starry Weekend event. This year saw the successful completion of numerous projects including: the completion of our model railroad in the meeting room, additional displays on the second floor landing, replacement of the main water line, new spray foam insulation in the basement, and the new fundraised tarp for the

passenger coach. The changes made inside the depot will provide new displays and educational experiences for the public. We anticipate a dedicated display spaces for the coach as well as the covered railroad bridge.

After several years considering opening a Visitor Center, we partnered with the Contoocook Chamber of Commerce to open the depot a few days a week as a starting point for visitors to the community. While we do anticipate great success in this endeavor, we continue to struggle to find volunteers to fill in spots Friday through Sunday. We do have continued dedication from a few volunteers who work countless hours at the depot to keep us open as often as possible. Please consider signing up to assist with this effort.

We are very fortunate to have received a very generous donation from the Hopkinton Lions Club this year which fully funded the spray foam insulation in the basement of the depot. The loss of heat and energy from the cold air penetrating our depot from the ground floor spiked our heating costs to several hundred dollars for the past several winters. We are very excited to have this new air-tight seal around our foundation to cut down on those energy losses.



In May of 2018 we held our second annual model train show at the Hopkinton High School. This event was a huge success for over 400 attendees and several dozen vendors and a live working model. Our 2019 show is gearing up to be even grander with more vendors, more working displays, a model caboose tiny-house on site and a food vendor. Join us at the show on May 4 at the high school once again!



We have very ambitious goals for 2019 such as raising additional funds to install additional insulation for both the second floor crawl spaces and the attic space, the replacement of the signal mast, as well as additional restoration of the passenger coach. We hope to continue improving the educational displays as well as expand our visitor center hours and guided tours. We will post a schedule of events for the year on our website. We are planning a brand new event for early fall in 2019 so stay tuned and check our website often for additional details!

With your support, we will continue to reconnect with our railroad heritage. Consider joining us as an association member, committee member, or simply volunteer with us to help organize and schedule events. Visit our website at www.ContoocookDepot.org for information regarding our meeting schedule and contact information. Support our fundraising events and stop by Saturday mornings this summer for the Farmer's Market and visit the historic railroad depot, Pullman coach, and the country's oldest surviving covered railroad bridge. Please send your tax deductible donation payable to Contoocook Riverway Association to PO Box 789, Contoocook, NH 03229. The CRA is a 503(c)3 non-profit organization. Our tax ID number is 02-0507535.

Respectfully submitted,
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