

Contoocook Railroad Museum

Board of Directors Monthly Meeting 03/12/2024

Meeting called to order 2:15 PM

Attendees:

Steven Lux Jr.	Vice President
David White	Treasurer
Mark Winzeler	Director
Frederic Nystrom	Director

Secretary's Report/Approval of Minutes: February minutes approved 2:20 PM

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer's report was approved by voice vote 2:20 PM

Old Business:

- a. Section House roof:
Labor cost will be \$2500 with CRA doing all stripping, sheathing replacement, and new drip edges. Contractor must be made to commit to a time so we can coordinate. There is a balance of \$760 to cover any supplies for strip work. CRA will schedule a time for strip to be done. Still needed is a written contract from Emerson.
- b. Brick Walkway:
Need to finalize what bricks to use (all \$2 bricks like the named bricks vs. cheaper bricks of the different color or multiple colors. Fred Nystrom found compatible gray bricks at Lowes. Steve Lux and Fred will search area landscape companies for more options. Brian Cressy has promised to do all of the site work and lay the bricks with a completion date mid-April. Steve Lux is negotiating final cost of site work. Need to determine source of funding ASAP. Mark Winzeler will create a layout pattern.
- c. Canopy project:
Fred Nystrom contacted Chi Hoffe (Roundhouse Workshop Co.) for a bid to execute the design that he had furnished to the CRA last year. He responded that he is too busy to take it on right now. There is still a need for a design that can satisfy code requirements re: wind load, snow load, etc., that can be provided on grant applications. Fred Nystrom has so far submitted grant applications to MBRRE and NRHS and will submit one to Amherst Railway Club soon.
- d. Visitor Center:
Dave White asked Rotary and Lions to help support expanded hours for the Visitor Center but has not received a response yet from either.
- e. NH Preservation Alliance report:
On Monday February 26 Andrew Cushing from the Alliance met with Dave White, Brian Erickson, and Fred Nystrom, and conducted an inspection of the depot and property. Acceptance by the Alliance will increase chances of success in securing grants from LCHIP and others. Their response was favorable, but we have not received the

report yet.

- f. Misc.:
 - i. Flea market: It was decided to hold the flea market the weekend of April 20-21, and if needed also April 27-28. Mark Winzeler stated that the Davisville flea market will be held this year, and may be expanded.

New Business:

- a. New membership push:
The attendees voted to raise membership dues to \$25. Motion was approved 2:20 PM by all.
A goal was set to sign up 100 new members by the end of August 2024, details to be determined.
- b. TDS/Comcast: Board to seek a discount, someone should volunteer to call.
- c. Rail rests:
 - i. This month, Tim Blagden will trailer his three rail rests from here and at the same time will remove the short section of rail from the parking lot at the south end of the depot.

Annual Meeting:

- a. The meeting was set for April. David White will prepare ballots for the election.

Meeting adjourned – 3:00 PM