

Draft Meeting Minutes

Train Committee

25 April 2011

Present: Bob Hall, Julie Gilman, Arthur Baillargeon, Dave Black, Joy Tinker, Bill Coffey

Meeting convened at 5:00 pm.

Report of ridership up 15% compared to March 2010. School vacations contribute to full trains.

Concerns:

Doggy station being ignored by Handkerchief Factory customers

Handkerchief Factory patrons and employees using station parking lot

Check from Garden Club addressed to Committee. Should Town set up an account? JG to clarify.

Intent to sell letter from the Goupils has been received by Town. Grant funds won't be available until after July 1.

Inconsistent café car rules being assessed by a particular conductor. JT to contact NNEPRA or food service provider.

All day parking in front of Gerry's, Romeo's and west side of Lincoln Street has increased. Business owners putting out informational flyers. Perhaps due to school vacations. Question potential 2 hour limit?

Station painting this year? JG to check with Maintenance Supervisor and Town Manager.

Burnham's Dry Cleaners will clean station banners at no charge.

JG posed question from EDC regarding hawkers and peddlers. Concern voiced about loss of parking and questioned space availability.

Recent "Tagging" problem is considered taken care of.

Important dates:

April 30 – Station clean up day at 8 am. Volunteers solicited and Town to provide blue bags. Pan Am representative will be present to allow access to right-of-way for thorough trash pick up.

May 1 – Amtrak 40th anniversary. Celebration train will pass through on its way to Freeport but not stop in Exeter

May 7 – Train Day – no events planned in Exeter.

May 17 – Train Riders Annual meeting in Portland. \$40 fee.

December 15 – 10 year anniversary of Downeaster service to Exeter.

Next meeting: Monday, May 23rd, 5PM at the Chamber of Commerce.

Respectfully submitted,