

## MEETING MINUTES

Title	Rail Committee Meeting – Draft Unapproved
Location	Virtual
Date	February 5 <sup>th</sup> 2021

Time Meeting Called To Order	10:00 AM
Members Present	C. Seidel, P. Patti, S. Michon, Bette Lasky, Alderman M. O’Brien,
Guests or Others Participating	Jack Madden, and Komba Lamina

### General Meeting Highlights/Notes/Brief Description of Meeting

- **PDP:**
- The Committee met with Pat Herlihy on January 20 to discuss the Project Development Phase (PDP) of the Capital Corridor project. Not a lot of public engagement will take place at this stage of the PDP since the public was heavily engaged in the early stages of the Capital Corridor Project. Public engagement will take place again when the PDP enters the environmental review stage. The PDP will be looking for input from this Committee for: site locations, environmental review stage and outreach (help identify stakeholders in Nashua) when the time comes.
- **CSX Update:** Jack learned during the Friends of Souhegan Valley Rail Trail meeting that CSX has been reaching out to shippers in the Hillsborough line to see if they are interested in freight. This is an indication that the company is looking to grow its business
- **Legislative Update:** Sen Hassan’s and Rep. Kuster are advancing legislations that will help Rail in NH. Sen. Hassan’s legislation is going to add billions of dollars to the Fast Act program and prioritize small cities like Nashua and Manchester looking to connect to bigger cities like Boston. Initial conversation with the new Transportation Secretary, Pete Buttigieg indicate that the Secretary gets it.
- **Engaging North Country NH:** B. Lasky has been engaging some residence in North Country and it seem residents might have some interest for Rail. Bette will engage more people in that area to see if this sentiment is wide spread. If there is interest, it will be good for the Committee to engage them.
- **Newsletter:**  
Paul led the group through a review of the first draft of the second Rail newsletter. Some edits were made to the newsletter by committee members. A second draft will be sent to the Committee for review in the coming weeks. A vote on the newsletter is expected at the next committee meeting on March 5<sup>th</sup>.
- **Manchester:** Steve will work with Kate Luczko, Chamber President, to secure a meeting with Michael Skelton, Manchester Chamber President to discuss Rail

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Any Final Decisions Made

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Motion To Adjourn By	P. Patti
Time	9:36AM
Next Meeting	March 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2021