

Nashua Rail Committee Minutes, October 18th 2019

Attendance: Steve Michon (Chair), Dan Kelly, Carl Seidel, Jay Minkarah, Alderman Michael O'Brien
Guests: Peter Schaffer and Komba Lamina

Meeting called to order at 8:05AM

Actions

- **NHDOT tracking** – Jay Minkarah will take the lead to 1) reach out to NH DOT and ask for the Scope of Work for the project development phase consultant (this will give us the information that we need to know where we can and should proceed); 2) ask if NHDOT has a guidance on what the City of Nashua or committee should be focused on during the next 6-12 months; and 3) ask NHDOT how they view Amtrak's interest.
- **Downeaster** – Dan will see if we can meet with Patricia Quinn, Executive Director of the Downeaster so we can learn lessons from their development and operation
- **Amtrak** – Steve will talk with Jack
- **Communications** – Steve, Jay and Carl met with EJ Powers from Montague Communications and will be exploring other communications consultants and how they can be helpful to our effort
- **City Revenues** – Komba mentioned that the regional authority/Amtrak subgroup was exploring research on different options for city financing/revenue models. Komba will reach out to the person on the subgroup to make sure the research is pointed in the right direction, and will communicate with Steve.
- **Legislative Action** – Carl, Mike and Bette will track and report to the committee on any rail-related Legislative Service Requests (LSRs) that legislators file for new legislation for the next year as well as keep track of the Governor's Advisory Commission on Intermodal Transportation (GACIT) process

The Committee concluded that the next full committee meeting should be determined by an action or decision needed by the committee, with the goal to meet again in November/December

Meeting Adjourn: 9:30AM