

**Southampton Railroad Station Society**  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, June 21, 2012

Board Attendees:	<u>Present</u>	<u>Excused</u>
	Jim Day	Leon Duminiak
	Jon Frey	Mark Liss
	Regina Frey	Jim Rose
	Frank Baldwin	
	Charlie Liberto	

Members/Public Attendees: Andrew Perrong, Colin O'Malley, Karl Rahmer, William Frey

Topics of Discussion:

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Utility Services – Jim Day reported the township had contacted him regarding the latest bill from PECO, and had informed Joe Golden to forward future bills to the Society's mailbox. Jon Frey suggested setting up payments to be automatically deducted from the Society's account. To have the mailing address changed, a copy of the lease agreement with the township would be required; Jim mentioned Mr. Golden would write a letter to PECO but didn't believe the other supervisors would move at this time to allow a formal sub-let of the property to the Society. Since Jim had little luck having the address changed by phone with PECO's Customer Service, Charlie Liberto indicated he would call PECO to find a person to contact. (Karl Rahmer suggested seeking out a business to sponsor the electrical payments, and then advertise the business with a banner on the site.) Jon Frey reported the testing of the lights was not yet done; the screws weren't coming loose and would likely need a special screwdriver for the project.
- SEPTA – Charlie Liberto reported he talked to Steve Biggenstaff about obtaining extra platform lights from Lansdale station to replace the missing lamphead.
- Insurance – no activity.
- Station Society Website – Jon Frey reported that the website received 313 visits in the past month, and that visitors were from locations in 25 states. He also mentioned the addition of a "Project Corner" to highlight past and future improvements, and a "Wish List" for smaller projects.
- Special Events/Activities – Jon Frey confirmed with Don Crabtree via email to bring the Camelback to the station at 8:15 AM before the Southampton Days Parade. He added that breakfast for Don and the other RCT&HS crew will be arranged for them

at a local restaurant, and that he will have volunteers ready to hand out Fall Excursion flyers while walking the parade route. Regina Frey reported that as of June 21, 18 tickets for the Fall Excursion had been purchased. Charlie Liberto indicated he would meet with the president of *Railpace Magazine* to add a graphic of the event into upcoming issue. Concerning the possibility of a 2013 Armed Forces Railfest: Jim Day agreed more fundraising needed to be done early, and Charlie indicated he could obtain more armed forces vehicles and/or equipment. (Karl Rahmer suggested contacting the Revolutionary War reenactors of the 5<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Regiment.) Concerning the 2012 Holiday Railfest: the board discussed the idea of holding a raffle for the framed newspaper article of Bryn Athyn wreck. Charlie Liberto mentioned he, Frank Baldwin, Jon Frey, and Don Reese had the display case mounted at Langhorne station; a dedication ceremony involving SEPTA officials, politicians, etc. is being planned, and the date for the event will be finalized soon.

- Grants – In a letter dated June 21, 2012, the NRHS had awarded the Society the \$500 grant for the foundation repair project; the funds would be disbursed after the NRHS receives a completed acceptance application from the Society. Follow-up with the Del-Val Chapter for the disbursement of the matching \$500 grant is needed.
- Site Sign – Jon Frey reported he would draw up a vinyl poster of Society-related information and graphics, and install it near the coin box.
- Fundraising – Regina Frey handed out solicitation letters for financial support to businesses nearest the station but received no responses. It was suggested that both she and Charlie approach the businesses again.
- Adjacent Development Project – Jim Day reported discussing with Joe Golden and the office of Licenses and Inspection about the recent right-of-way disturbance by Mr. Toner's crew. Mr. Golden confirmed Toner had a demolition permit to take down the abandoned farmhouse, and L & I indicated Toner hadn't done any major earth-moving. Mr. Golden stated the township will be vigilant about future activity on Mr. Toner's site, and would take necessary action pending any survey reports from SEPTA. Jim also reminded Mr. Golden that Mr. Toner's construction vehicles should not be using the station site to access his own property. Charlie Liberto reported that Ed Wallace from SEPTA had been informed about the incident and that the line between properties will be surveyed by a SEPTA crew. The board agreed to continue to monitor the situation, and that Mr. Wallace can be contacted if problems arise again.
- Site Work/Activity – Jon Frey indicated that he would pursue further grants once he receives a cost estimate from North Hills Construction towards the roof replacement. Jon also mentioned that two lawnmowers had been donated (one now no longer useable). In anticipation of the Southampton Days parade there had been several cleanup activities done at the site, including Jim Day planting a small garden near the

former mortgage office. Jon said he would ask Don Reese to do Roto-tilling on the north end of the site.

- Station Model Kit – no new activity.
- Site/Building Issues – Jon Frey reported moving the vinyl banner advertising the rail excursion to the wood fence.
- Village Market – Regina Frey reported that two t-shirts and a magnet were sold at the June 9<sup>th</sup> market, but due to a misunderstanding among the vendors there were no additional donations received.
- Business Cards – Regina Frey gave the board members redesigned business cards.
- Newsletter – Jon Frey indicated that he will create a rough draft of the Summer issue of the newsletter, and have it finished for the Southampton Days parade. The board nominated Mark Liss to print the newsletters and flyers together.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Meeting Minutes – The meeting minutes of March 15, 2012 were approved as submitted.
- Treasurer's Report – Regina Frey reported that the current balance in the society's account is \$3,289.56 (which did not include a pending transfer of \$19.26 from PayPal for a new membership) and submitted the May Profit and Loss report for review. Reported expenses included a \$6.00 payment to PECO, \$2.64 at Staples for report covers for grant proposals, and \$5.15 at the Post Office to mail a requested grant proposal. The board approved a motion for Regina to make a payment to Lyn Vogel in the amount of \$2,024.00.
- Ignite/Stream Energy – no new activity.
- Membership – Regina Frey reported four new memberships (two at Individual level and two at Family level) with a possible fifth new membership pending.
- Site Security – Regina Frey reported meeting with Edward Miller of Dyna-Vox Alarms, Inc., who offered to have dummy security cameras installed until an actual security system can be installed. The board agreed to table the issue until the new lights on the platform are installed.

Next Board Meeting: Thursday, July 19, 2012 at the Upper Southampton Township Building beginning at 7:45pm.