

Southampton Railroad Station Society
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, August 18, 2011

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

Members/Public Attendees:	Regina Frey
	Megen Donovan
	Karl Rahmer

Topics of Discussion:

OLD BUSINESS

- Utility Services – Charlie Liberto confirmed with Frank that the Public Works Department would be available to do the trenching work from mid-September through the beginning of October. Jim Rose suggested contacting PECO to verify from which pole the service would be run.
- SEPTA – no activity.
- Insurance – no activity.
- Station Society Website – John Frey reported that 78 “unique” visitors were recorded for the month of July.
- Special Events/Activities – planning and preparation continues on the 2nd Annual Holiday Railfest. Mark Liss recommended that more effort be put into additional promotion and publicity to insure an increase in attendance.
- Grants – John Frey arranged for BobWewer, to examine the station on Saturday, August 13th. Mr. Wewer is a contractor who specializes in historical restoration work. He will generate multiple scenarios with alternates and cost estimates. This information will be used to identify viable smaller-scale projects and assist in developing a fund raising strategy.
- Site Sign – no activity.
- Fundraising – Mark Liss indicated that he recently saw Christmas ornaments very similar to those which the society was considering ordering. He stated that he was not impressed with the overall quality of the pieces. Mark suggested that we proceed with the tiles instead. Jim Rose also has artwork already prepared that prints well on the tiles. Jim Rose will follow up with the tile manufacturer.
- Adjacent Development Project – Toner has apparently acquired one of the properties fronting Second Street Pike. The society needs to stay informed as to when Toner proceeds with his application at the Planning Board.
- Site Work/Activity – no activity.

- Station Model Kit – Leon Duminak feels that the siding and roof shingles are somewhat overscale. He will follow up with John Greene at the RCT&HS.
- Site/Building Issues – no activity to report.
- Bryn Athyn 90th Wreck Commemoration – Charlie Liberto reported that he will soon be sending out invitations to area legislators. Plans are to install a “temporary” commemorative plaque inside the Bryn Athyn station. The state historical marker will be pursued once political support is recruited.
- Village Market – Mark Liss stated that Cathie Forman indicated that there has been some serious thought to moving the market to one of the local shopping centers in an effort to increase foot traffic. The market group is still planning to hold some special events during the Fall market season.
- Tamanend Park Day – Charlie Liberto confirmed that the Bristol model train group will set up their display in the carriage house. Volunteers will be needed Friday evening to assist with the set up.

NEW BUSINESS

- Meeting Minutes – The meeting minutes of July 21, 2011 were accepted as submitted.
- Treasurer’s Report – Leon Duminiak reported that the current balance in the Society’s account remains at \$3,140.67. Not included in this amount is \$24 in t-shirt sales from the last market day and \$35 membership. Overall total should be \$3199.67.
- Next Board Meeting – the board will next meet on Thursday, September 15, 2011 at the Upper Southampton Township Building beginning at 7:45pm.