

# Board of Director Minutes

**Blackstone Valley Tourism Council, Inc.  
Board of Directors Meeting  
January 28, 2011  
Tourism Council Conference Room  
175 Main Street  
Pawtucket, RI**

## 1. Roll Call

### Attendees:

David Balfour, Chair  
Sue Tessier MacKenzie, Secretary  
Dave Richards, Member  
Moe Rondeau, Member  
Keith Fayan, Member  
Carl Freedman, Member  
Judy Fischbach, Member

### Absent:

Barry Mechanic, Vice Chair  
Jaqueline Boudreau, Treasurer  
John Lefrancois, Member  
Louis Yip, Member  
Debra Fournier, Member  
Robert Conway, Member  
Anthony Capuano, Member  
Mark Brodeur, Member  
Paul Eno, Member  
Helen Moroney, Member  
Ted Garille, Member  
John Gregory, Member  
Richard Murphy, Member  
Also Attending:  
Robert Billington, President  
Natalie Carter, Director of Operations

2. The meeting was called to order at 12:08 pm with a quorum present.

## 3. Minutes

On a MOTION by Dave Richards, seconded by Moe Rondeau, the Minutes of the Nov 5, 2010 meeting were approved as presented

## 4. Treasurer's Report

Natalie Carter, Director of Operations dispensed with the Financial Reports dated 1/26/2011 along with the Financial Report from the Polar Express. In addition the Hotel Tax Revenue reports from 1986 through 2010 were presented. (Reports Attached).  
A question by Carl Freedman regarding Bank Fees on the Polar Express report was discussed. He also noted the revenue projections were healthy.

There was a MOTION to table the Financial Report until next meeting by Moe Rondeau. There was no Second to the MOTION.

With a MOTION by David Richards and Second by Sue Tessier MacKenzie, the Financial Reports for the Tourism Council were accepted as submitted

#### 5. President's Report and Old Business

Mr. Billington introduced and updated the Board on the following projects and programs:

- The 2011 Work Plan for the Tourism Council
- The Polar Express schedule for 2011
- The Central Falls Landing Project and the recent meeting regarding the Tourism Council being interested in purchasing the Landing
- The William Wheat Mill project
- The Rhode Island Cherry Blossom Festival
- The Cherry Tree Running Festival
- The New Tour Blackstone/Rhode Island project
- The Blackstone Valley Bike Stripe

Billington circulated several reports on Tourism Regional Multipliers, The Blackstone Valley Bike Stripe Project, The Urban Mobility Report 2010, Estimating the Employment Impacts of Pedestrian Bicycle and Road Infrastructure report.

On a MOTION by Dave Richards, seconded by Judy Fischbach the Board approved the Presidents Report as presented.

#### 6. New Business

Dave Balfour asked the Board to decide on regular dates for our Board Meetings. It was decided that the last Friday of the month would be the preferred date.

March 25, May 27, July 29 etc would be the next meetings

Moe Rondeau suggested a Legal Disclaimer be included on the website for the Tour Blackstone project in the event of necessary unanticipated changes to the tours

#### 7. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, the Board adjourned at 1:10 p.m.  
Respectfully submitted,

Robert D. Billington  
President

