

AGENDA – DIVISION 175 – COUNCIL MEETING

Find Archived Minutes at: www.pef175.org/

I. CALL TO ORDER. *July 30, 2014 PEF Region 2 Field Office*

II. ROLL CALL: *K. Button, E. Coyne, P. Burnes, J. Eddy, E. Johnston, A. Puleo*

III. READING OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

LAST MEETING WAS: *May 29, 2014, China Buffet, Hornell*
June 26, 2014 Meeting was cancelled

CORRECTIONS: *None*

MOTION to: ACCEPT: KB SECOND: AP APPROVED: All

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT – K. BUTTON:

Current Balance is \$4072.29.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS – List of Committee Members can be found at:

<http://www.pef175.org/officers/>

1. Audit - *The Audit is due to be submitted to PEF HQ by July 31, 2014.*

2. Budget - *No report*

3. Website (www.pef175.org) – *updated as needed*

4. Bulletin Board – *Members are encouraged to post appropriate material at will, Ron Fulcher has volunteered to tend same.*

5. Constitution – *we await a response from Joel LeFerve, and re-write remains a Work in Progress.*

6. Grievance – *Discu*

7. Health & Safety – *Last meeting was July 22, 2014.*

8. EAP – *Motion by A. Puleo to remove eliminate this item from Agenda was rebuffed.*

9. Social Committee – *No Report.*

10. Parking- *The parking list has been posted on our Divisional Website, anomalies and all.*

11. Communication: *SEE PEF HQ HOMEPAGE*

VI. Local Labor Management – *The minutes of these meetings can be found at www.pef175.org/. The agenda for next years State Office Building Meeting is currently under way.*

VII. Statewide Labor Management –

A S/W L/M Agenda Building meeting was held August 7 at Syracuse NY. This meeting was attended by PEF Staffer, L/M Trainer Kim Loccisiano, whom post meeting provided L/M Training application forms. A foil request will be made by S/W L/M Chair Bill Holthausen as an action item from this committee regarding:

NY 42 Design-Build Emergency Reconstruction

PIN 1131.75

D012586

Estimated Construction Cost= \$14,100,000 (July 2013)

Consultant: PB Americas, Inc.

The next S/W L/M Meeting is scheduled for September 11, 2014.

Summary of Recent S/W L/M Training follows:

PEF L/M Training

June 4, 2014

PEF HQ

Latham, New York

Present: Kim Loccasiano – PEF Trainer,

Romeyn, Melvin, Puleo, Andrew Gendron, Paul (DOT); Canarelli, John M Duengfelder, John Geyer, Stephen Holthausen, William (DOT); Jobson, Jerry ; McRorie, Chuck); Smith, Bruce; Turturro, Lorraine Viera, Juan – PEF S/W L/M Committee Members

Absent: Riley, Steve - PEF S/W L/M Committee Member

Handouts: Agenda

NYS DOT L/M Procedure MAP

Roles and Responsibilities

Proposed L/M Agneda Item Form

Post L/M Meeting Rating Form

2014 PEF / DOT Labor Management Training Manual

This training encouraged group participation and discussions. These were facilitated through a series of exercises wherein groups were formed and engaged in areas of perspective insight, and communication interpretation. Specific topics included Article 24, Working Agreements, Meeting Behaviour, Pre-& Post Meeting Processes, and Informing the Membership.

Action Items:

1. Review PEF Website & Update Local Committee INFO
2. Share Local L/M Minutes w/each other
3. Post S/W L/M Team Members on Regional Bulletin Boards
4. Begin dating Agenda Items
5. Chairperson to Clarify issues.
6. FOIL Rt. 42 Bridge Costs

VIII. PAC –

Tuesday August 6th DIVISION 175 COPE DRIVE Report as submitted to PEF HQ follows:

E. Coyne, M. Farrell, & A. Puleo engaged in Access to Members at the State Office Building in Hornell and so as to promote PEF presence, and engage members in current events. This walk through resulted in securing (10) new COPE members to which the following feedback was forwarded to PEF HQ.

- 1. "It, {Cope Participation}, was simply and solely due to the truthful, impromptu plea, also very appreciated explanations by both Mr. Farrell, and PEF Rep. Andrew Puleo that convinced people to join."
by PEF Member Dawn Sutfin*
- 2. More specific breakdown of where money goes, are COPE funds only disbursed in the form of campaign Donations or do they include facilitating functions . . ie. Luncheons, meet & greets?*
- 3. Solicitors should be prepared with a comprehensive list of who PEF endorsed in the past and how much money was provided.*
- 4. Too many members continue to see PEF as Partisan. . while I have repeatedly heard and read Sue's position on Partisan Politics and understand we endorse Agenda's not Political Parties. I now offer Sue a heads up J, that we intend to request her presence here within the next few weeks.*

The intent of this walk-through was to address every NYSDOT Group at the Hornell SOB as well as PEF members assigned to the nearby 30 West St. facility. As not all groups were accessed, a following up walk through will be performed.

Following find S/W PAC report submitted to PEF HQ

*Andrew Puleo
PEF REGION 2*

June 20, 2014

S/W PAC Report

On June 18, 2014 PEF Region 2 held an Open Meet & Greet Luncheon with Congressional District 23 Candidate Martha Robertson (D), at Hornell NY. Martha is running against incumbent Tom Reed (D). The meeting was held directly across the street from the State Office Building so as to encourage PEF membership attendance. While PEF members from several agencies work at in the Hornell State Office Building, only employees from the NYSDOT and NYS Attorney General's Office attended. PEF Regional staff has been requested to assist in developing more PEF member engagement. The emails promoting this event included both, PEF's Federal Agenda, & PEF's Federal Agenda Questionnaire as completed by Martha, (attached). Also included was the following link to Congressman Tom Reed's voting record on AFL-CIO endorsed issues:

<http://www.aflcio.org/Legislation-and-Politics/Legislative-Voting-Records?memberid=2982&location=House&act=3&termyear=2013&congressname=Reed+%28R%29+NY>

Labor Representatives in attendance included:

*Bonnie Wood, PEF Region 2 Regional Coordinator
Kathy Button, PEF Division 175 Treasurer
Ellen Coyne, PEF Region 2 Field Rep.
Valerie Barrile, PEF Region 2 Secy
Erin Young, Rochester & Genesee Valley Area Labor Federation
Paige Faddegon, PEF Membership Benefits
Michael Farrell, PEF Region 2 Director of Field Services
Jerry Jobson PEF E-Board member, PEF Regions 2&4 (NYSDOT)*

Jim Carr, President PEF Retirees

Steve Panton, Rochester & Genesee Valley Area Labor Federation

Martha Robertson shared that she intends to open a Campaign Office in Hornell

She also cited the following regarding Congressman Tom Reed:

-He believes that Social Security should be a savings program...that people should have their own savings account for retirement,

-He believes that Medicare should be privatized and that people should have their own savings account for paying their medical bills

- He believes that students should have their own saving account for college education, wants to have student loan interest charged while students are enrolled

- He believes that the government should STOP handing out these benefits

- His private interests include ownership of a debt collection agency, which specializes in Medical Debt. His agency sues his own, most desperate constituents when their medical bills become insurmountable.

Erin Young spoke about Tom Reed's poor voting record for the workforce. She also gave examples of where he would go into a group or union who had been fighting for a particular bill, apologize for previously voting against it (claiming ignorance of the facts) and promise to vote for it next time it came up for vote. All the while, as a member of the Ways & Means Committee, knowing that the bill was not destined to come to a vote at all.

Bonnie Wood presented info on PEF Region 2 Family Day.

Steve Panton spoke of how he has known Tom Reed since Tom's fledging days as a politician (Mayor of Corning). He said that Tom used to be reasonable but Steve has watched Tom grow into the pro-big business politician he is today.

Michael Farrell successfully presented members with the facts regarding the importance of participating in COPE as evidenced by members positive responses post meeting. He has been requested to follow up in person with collecting COPE contributors as the attendance sheet will be provide to him.

Jerry Jobson opened the Q & A session asking for Martha's position on the safe act, to which she confirmed her opposition.

Jim Carr announced the Saturday June 21, 2014, Phone Bank , anyone interested in participating should contact Jim.

IX. Regional Coordinator – No Report

X. E-board Rep. – No report

XI. Field Rep. – Plans to attends this years PEF Convention at Niagara Falls.

XII. NASHTU – National Association of State Highway Transportation Unions

Article: P3s are a “win-win-win for private money and contractors,” but taxpayers lose

Thinking Highways magazine (www.thinkinghighways.com), in its June/July issue, includes a scathing article analyzing highway P3 deals in Virginia and elsewhere calling them “the biggest scheme ever” for unaware taxpayers.

One of the projects featured is the U.S. Route 460 Corridor Improvement Project, a 55-mile, \$1.4 billion toll road that would stretch from Suffolk to Petersburg in eastern Virginia. In that project, a P3 contract was signed even though there was no agreement between the Virginia Department of Transportation and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers over route alternatives and environmental impacts. This jeopardizes the environmental permits that would allow the project to move forward. Today, the issue remains unsettled, the project remains unbuilt, but Virginia taxpayers have had to pay \$300 million to the private consortium, 460 Mobility Partners, and are on the hook for another \$900 million.

[Read the full article here.](#)

XIII. Steuben/Livingston County Labor Council – *No Report*

XIV. Rochester & Genesee Valley Area Labor Federation – *No Report*

XV. *Unfinished Business* – *Open call to fill (1) vacant seat on the Local L/M Team.*

XVI. NEW BUSINESS – *We have secured a transcribing service for interrogations, let's approach them to include redacted transcripts in the future.*

XVII. OPEN FORUM – *Proceeded in confidence.*

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN (& Pay Expenses): *K. Button*

Second: *A. Puleo*

Approved: *All*

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR: *August 28, 2014*

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

A. Puleo
Andrew Puleo
Council Leader/Secy