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**Recreational Tramway Board**  
**Emergency Meeting**

**DRAFT MEETING MINUTES**

**January 29, 2021**

**4:00 pm**

**Meeting Held via Videoconference  
on Microsoft Teams**

**Board Members Present:**

Jeff Crowley, Chairman, Owner of a Rope Tow  
David Sullivan, Designee of Commissioner of Public Safety  
Paul Maloney, Owner of a Tramway  
Roger Adams, Rep. of Tramway Liability Insurance Company

**Staff Members Present:**

Daniel Walsh, Assistant Chief of Inspections  
Brian O'Connell, First Deputy Commissioner  
Clinton Dick, General Counsel  
Bruce Hopper, Deputy General Counsel

**I. Meeting Called to Order**

Chairman Crowley called the meeting to order at about 4:00 pm by taking roll call. Each board member noted as present above responded as to be in attendance.

**II. Discussion of Blue Hills Ski Area - Double Chairlift MA-RTB #34**

The Board discussed recent incidents occurring on the Double Chairlift MA-RTB #34, at Blue Hills Ski Area, during the week of January 24, 2021. The Board reviewed a letter dated January 29, 2021 from Layla D'Emilia, Commissioner of the Division of Professional Licensure, to Blue Hills Ski Area, notifying the operator that the lift in question would be temporarily shut down pursuant to 526 CMR 10.05(6)(c), to allow for a review of the lift operations and implementation of any corrective measures, if needed.



After reviewing the aforementioned correspondence and discussing the matter, the Board requested that an inspector from the Office of Public Safety and Inspections (“OPSI”) meet onsite with Blue Hills Ski Area staff, and walkthrough the Chairlift operations and confirm all the safety checks function properly. Because of the issue with the Chairlift on January 28, 2021, Blue Hills General Manager had a third party inspector inspect the Chairlift earlier in the day on January 29, 2021, and the Board wanted to see the inspector’s report. ⇐

On a **MOTION** by Paul Maloney, seconded by Roger Adams, the Board voted unanimously to have an OPSI Inspector meet onsite with Blue Hills Ski Area staff and walk through all of the Chairlift operations to confirm all of the safety systems function properly.

David Sullivan indicated he would have an inspector perform this work on the evening of January 29, 2021, or first thing in the morning of January 30, 2021. The Board then discussed reconvening the morning of January 30, 2021, to review the OPSI Inspector’s findings and discuss the results of the third party inspection, and any other information received from Blue Hills Ski Area.

### **III. Adjournment**

On a **MOTION** by Paul Maloney, seconded by Roger Adams, the Board voted unanimously by **ROLL CALL** to adjourn the meeting at approximately 4:35 PM.

The above minutes were approved by the Board at the public meeting held on February \_\_\_\_, 2021.

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*/s/ Jeff Crowley, Chairman*

### **List of Documents Used During the Emergency Public Meeting:**

- Agenda of January 29, 2021
- Letter from Commissioner D’Emilia to a representative for Blue Hills Ski Area