



Northeast Pavement Preservation Partnership

Meeting Minutes

**Crown Plaza Hotel
Warwick, Rhode Island
December 10 - 12, 2007**

Business Meeting

The meeting began at 1:12 p.m. with the Moderator, Colin Franco, of the Rhode Island Department of Transportation, welcoming the participants to the 1st official meeting of the Northeast Pavement Preservation Partnership (NEPPP). Mr. Franco thanked the executive committee for its hard work and the speakers and attendees (Attachment A) for their participation.

Welcome

Daniel J. Berman, Assistant Division Administrator, FHWA Rhode Island Division Office, welcomed the group to Rhode Island and expressed his best wishes for a productive meeting.

Kazem Farhoumand, Deputy Chief Engineer, Rhode Island Department of Transportation, also welcomed the group to Rhode Island and expressed his belief that in these financially challenging times, we must do our best to preserve our infrastructure.

Approval of By-laws

Mr. Franco offered a draft version of the NEPPP By-laws to the attendees for their consideration. During a floor discussion, several minor changes were proposed and incorporated in an amendment to the By-laws proposed by David Fittante, Midland Asphalt. The motion to amend the By-laws was seconded by Denis Boisvert, New Hampshire DOT, and approved unanimously.

Nomination of Directors and Officers

The attendees split into two groups to determine nominations for Directors and Officers. One group consisted of industry members and the other group consisted of Provincial, State, Federal, Academic, and Local members.

The Industry group voted to nominate Rod Birdsall, All States Asphalt; and Rick Stone of Cimline, Inc. as the NEPPP's Industry Directors.

The Agency group voted to nominate Ed Block, Connecticut DOT, Ed Naris, Massachusetts Highway Department, Jim Chisholm, Nova Scotia Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal, and Brian Luce, Maine DOT as the Provincial / State Directors. The group also nominated Greg Doyle to be the FHWA representative. Thomas Bennert, Rutgers University and Walaa Mogawer, University of Massachusetts (Dartmouth), had previously expressed interest in being nominated for the Partnership's Academic Director but as neither person was in attendance, the vote was tabled. The group nominated Ed Denehy, New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT), to be the At-Large Director.

The two groups then reconvened jointly and voted on the Officer positions. Mr. Denehy, NYSDOT, was elected Chair of the NEPPP. Ed Block, Connecticut DOT was elected as the Agency Vice-Chair, Rod Birdsall, All States Asphalt, as the Industry Vice-Chair, and Ed Naris, Massachusetts Highway Department, as the Secretary-Treasurer.

Roundtable

In a roundtable discussion to consider focus areas and explore the possible formation of working groups, the group identified the following areas of interest:

1. Basic glossary of terms
2. Common singular specifications
3. Treatment / equipment best practices
4. Establishment of reasonable treatment performance
5. Establishment of treatment application guidelines
6. Education – training and certification
7. Intra-agency communication to promote awareness / funding
8. Effectiveness of preventive treatments on rehabilitation projects
9. Emerging new treatments
10. Quality control and performance of treatments
11. Regional measurement of performance
12. Research
13. Avoidance of reinventing the wheel
14. Identification of cost effectiveness
15. Process to share information (specifications, etc.)
16. Innovating contracting mechanisms / methods
17. Innovative traffic control systems
18. Contractual innovations
 - a. No low bid
 - b. Contractor guarantees
 - c. Competent inspectors
 - d. Certifications
 - e. Education
 - f. Sanctions for poor workmanship
 - g. Performance specifications
 - h. Warranties
19. Cooperative agreements with Materials Engineers
20. Promotion / marketing

21. Policy
22. Success Stories (promotion / marketing)
23. Development of problem statements

Technical Session

Mr. Matt Turo, Massachusetts Highway Department moderated the technical session which featured the following presentations, each of which is available on-line at <http://www.pavementpreservation.org/northeastern/>.

“Warm Mix Asphalt Technologies and European Scan”, Matthew Corrigan, FHWA

“Hot and Cold In-Place Recycling”, Mike Polak, ARRA

“Concrete Pavement Preservation”, John Roberts, IGGA

“Micro-surfacing Pooled Fund Study”, James Moulthrop, FUGRO

“Crack Sealant Study Report”, Shih-Hsien Yang and Eli Fini, University of Illinois

“Thin Lift Overlay Research”, Walaa Mogawer, University of Massachusetts (Dartmouth)

Combined Foundation for Pavement Preservation (FP²) Annual Meeting and the Northeast Pavement Preservation Partnership (NEPPP) Meeting

Technical Session - National Pavement Preservation Activities

Mr. Rod Birdsall, All States Asphalt, moderated the afternoon session which featured the following presentations:

“Sealer Binder Study Results”, Gayle King, FP² Principal Investigator

“NHI Training”, Chris Newman, Office of Asset Management, FHWA

“Foundation for Pavement Preservation Activities”, Bill O’Leary, President FP²

“National Center for Pavement Preservation (NCP) Activities”, Larry Galehouse, Director NCP

Awards Reception

Mr. John Rathbun, Vice President of the FP², presented the Foundation’s Annual Pavement Preservation Award to the City of Nashville. After accepting the award on behalf of the City, Mr. Don Reid told the group how Nashville had developed its excellent pavement preservation program.

Mr. Rathbun then presented a Service Excellence Award to Mr. Gerry Eller, Executive Director of the FP² honoring his dedicated service in promoting pavement preservation.

Technical Session

Mr. Ed Denehy (NYSDOT) moderated the final technical session, which included the following presentations, and a roundtable discussion on the future of the NEPPP.

“Air Quality Issues”, Dan Moors, MeadWestvaco

State and Provincial Presentations

The attendees then described their current pavement preservation practices / programs. Copies of the presentations are available on the NCPP web site at <http://www.pavementpreservation.org/northeastern/>.

The presenters were:

Connecticut	Edwardo Block
Maine	Richard Crawford
Maryland	Geoff Hall
Massachusetts	Matt Turo
New Hampshire	Don Coleman
New Jersey	Robert Blight
New York	Ed Denehy
Nova Scotia	Jim Chisholm
Pennsylvania	Alberto Medina
Rhode Island	Colin Franco
Vermont	Mike Pologruto

Future of the NEPPP Roundtable Discussion

After a roundtable discussion, the delegates decided to form teams / working groups dedicated to specific issues with the intention that the working groups would meet between annual meetings if funding were available. The working groups formed were:

Promotion, Marketing, Public Relations, and Success Stories

Chair Rick Stone	Members Mike Jenkins Ed Block Paul Suits
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Specifications, QC/QA, Quality Contracting

Chair Greg Doyle	Members Jim Chisholm Mark Edsall Tom Pfuelb
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Treatment Performance, Cost Effectiveness

Chair Ed Naris	Members Matt Turo Scott Harris Rick Bennett Geoff Hall
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Workforce Development, Training, Education, and Certification

Chair Rod Birdsall	Members Walaa Mogawer Tom Bennert
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Future Meetings

Dates and locations for future meetings were discussed. All agreed that a central location would work best. Mr. Turo suggested having the meeting at the same location annually. After considering several dates, the group decided that a mid-December or early spring meeting would be most desirable. The group also considered the possibility of having a half-day video conference meeting in December 2008 and a full meeting in April or March 2009, but did not reach a decision.

Mr. Denehy asked the group members to email him their schedules for the period December 2008 through April 2009 to help him identify the best time for the next meeting.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Attachment A Northeast Pavement Preservation Partnership Attendees

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