

March 12, 2015

Honorable Paul E. LePage
Governor, State of Maine
1 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Governor LePage,

It is with regret that I am submitting my resignation from my background in transportation operations and planning would have been beneficial to NNEPRA. Because I have differing viewpoints, particularly on the proposed Brunswick Maintenance and Layover Facility (MLF), I was apparently excluded from participating in such activities as the recent train ride where Patricia Quinn and other NNEPRA Directors lobbied members of the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation. My indication of interest in being part of the Advisory Group for the Statewide Rail Plan was also apparently ignored.

I volunteered to participate in NNEPRA as a Director to bring an objective viewpoint. The confirmation process clearly showed that an objective viewpoint was not welcomed. It is my opinion that Patricia Quinn and Marty Eisenstein, NNEPRA Board Chairman, knew of the TrainRiders Northeast (TRN) plans to attack me during the confirmation process as well as at a scheduled NNEPRA Board Meeting. These attacks could have been conducted because Wayne Davis, President TRN, was upset when you nominated me to become a NNEPRA Director.

I was very fortunate to have Jonathan Nass of your staff providing me with superb guidance during the confirmation process. Please extend my thanks to Jonathan.

There were other signs of dissatisfaction with my appointment after the completion of the confirmation process. Neither Marty Eisenstein nor Patricia Quinn provided any guidance on the swearing in process. Only the intervention by Senator Gerzofsky resulted in Secretary of State Dunlap swearing me in at the "eleventh hour" preventing a repeat of the confirmation process. A repeat of the confirmation process would have given Wayne Davis and TRN utilizing F. Bruce Sleeper, Esq. a second opportunity to attack me. Perhaps this explains why Patricia Quinn and Marty Eisenstein did not provide any guidance.

I was fortunate to participate in a committee to explore solutions to the impacts of a Downeaster Locomotive idling for five hours every day in Brunswick. Recommendations were ignored even though proposed solutions would result in annual savings of \$40,000.00. Solutions apparently conflicted with NNEPRA's public relations program supporting the construction of the Brunswick MLF. Suggested changes to the Downeaster time table also "died on the vine" for the same reason; conflicts with NNEPRA's public relations program supporting the construction of the Brunswick MLF.

I will be leaving the State of Maine soon to embark on an exciting phase of my life so please accept my resignation as a NNEPRA Director effective immediately.

I wish to thank you for accepting Senator Gerzofsky's recommendation to nominate me.

Congratulations on winning a second term and hope you will be very successful.

Sincerely,



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