



OWLS HEAD TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM

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Dear Mr. Glueck,

It was a pleasure to meet with you regarding the recent incorporation of and planning for the New England Steam Corporation. As an organization dedicated to the preservation and operation of antique transportation, the Owls Head Transportation Museum applauds your ambition and enthusiasm for your mission to restore and operate Maine Central Railroad #470. Your strategic plan outlines a number of critical components in making such a goal possible and your organization has been blessed with several of those components: from the exemplary internal condition of the engine to the presence of existing line on which to operate. Perhaps most important of all is the support of the Waterville City Council in permitting the use of #470.

As you well know, passenger rail is experiencing resurgence in popularity and practice in Maine and the nation. The resurrection of Maine's last passenger steamer represents an opportunity to take advantage of not only enthusiasm for rail but also the strong nostalgia for the days long gone of steam technology. The opportunity to attract fans of both rail and steam presents a tremendous draw to the state of Maine and its economy. The Owls Head Transportation Museum is pleased to lend its voice of support to your project and mission.

The opportunities for a number of such like-minded organizations to collaborate in marketing and advertising endeavors would provide an irresistible attraction to transportation and history enthusiasts and ensure vacation destination status to the state. The Owls Head Transportation Museum looks forward to watching the progress of the New England Steam Corporation as it grows and hopes to soon see it under steam!

Sincerely,

Ethan Yankura
Curator/Education Director