

Minutes Layout Committee Meeting 1/15/22

Track cleaning:

- Wahl oil offers benefits over isopropanol. Jim indicated it was tried briefly a while ago without any discussion and seemed to work, but we went back to isopropanol and now things are a difficulty.
- Article Eric sent explains why – reduces microsparking which builds up oxidized material which act as insulator
- Agreed to try the Wahl oil this coming Ops.
- (Later during Ops Larry encountered loco which went from fine at East Deerfield to inoperable after two passes over free track at Readsboro. One swipe of easily accessible tracks completely cured problem with no attempt to clean loco wheels)

Electrical:

- Jim described needed for relocation of Command station and DCC boosters balance power across layout.
- Work to begin this month

Scenery:

- Scenery behind track Groton Harvard road to Willows:
 - Agreed to lay out proposed structures etc. for consideration at next meeting where maybe we can get more people.
 - Some of this already done. We looked at space between Harvard-Groton road and Sandy Pond road.
 - Larry agreed his idea discussed last month of having a junkyard there just won't fit so we should go with the industrial building proposed by Matt.
- Agreed hard and fast rule - no permanent scenery aisle side of track until behind track is done.

Due to timing of the meeting before Ops no other discussion was possible. We will not have meeting the day of Ops in the future.