

Layout Meeting, 6/11/22, 2:00 pm

Present: Craig Petersen, Claude French, Doug Adams, Nick Carbone, Eric LaLonde, Denise Edwards, John Gill, Jim Fenner, Larry Roberts

Please note: I had some problems with my iPad and missed a couple items - please let me know if you notice them and I will insert or correct

New England Milling Area:

- Eric reports mill is largely done with some lights and detail left to do. Will be bringing it in to fix location so track can be laid.
- Eric is working different methods for trees, a few of which will be needed near the mill, but will have general applicability. This will be a wire armature technique. These will be quite tall, and mainly for stand-alone signature scenes, not for forests. Appear to be very sturdy.

Passenger platform Fitchburg:

- Discussed length of Fitchburg passenger terminal track only to find after the meeting that Matt had already put it in, and it's good for a four-car train
- Lesson, look first talk second

Layout skirting:

Subject was brought up and Nick volunteered to start on it and see how magnets work.

Final agenda for June Layout Committee meeting 6/11/22, 2:00 pm:

At this month's layout committee meeting we will be discussing several areas of the layout that need work. I will list several areas that I think could be taken on by interested parties.

- Fascia from Fitchburg to Ayer needs to be completed, light to moderate work working, sanding, painting, etc.
- Passenger platform at Fitchburg; this could be touchy as it will be squeezed in next to several West Fitchburg industries. At a minimum the track needs to be planned to make the area workable.
- Passenger layover facility at Fitchburg; this area needs basic track and turnout work to allow storage of 2 or 3 passenger trains. This work should be done with some allowance for appropriate scenery in the area.
- Trackwork and possible industry East of West Main Street siding crossover at Camp.
- Scenery work along backdrop behind Fitchburg Yard.
- Scenery work along backdrop behind West Main Street Siding West of Ayer passenger platform.
- Gardner Rt. 2 highway bridge work and surrounding scenery.
- Gardner inner track planning and industry locations.
- And let's not forget trees, experimenting with tree making, different species, techniques, etc.

Photos of progress since May meeting:

Joe's been busy – temporary crossover at Noonan's installed, production of curved parts for the final version underway with his homemade rail bender. Right the first time!

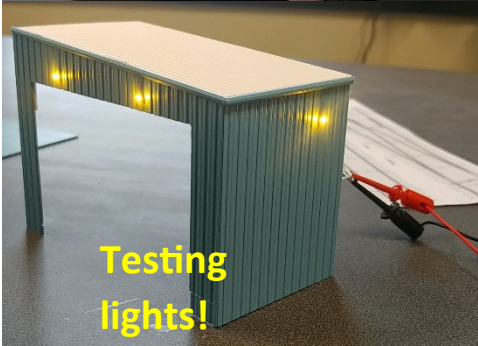


Eric has been busy finishing the mill with completion of the loadout shed.

Laying out the base



Testing lights!



And the assembled

