**Membership Privileges and Dues Matrix**

This is an addendum to the Amherst Railway Society’s By-Laws to document the current membership structure, defining the privileges of each membership tier and the fees associated with each.

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| **Tier** | **Dues** | **Description** | **Privileges** |
| **1yr** | **3yr** | **5yr** | **Votes** | **Show Pass** | **Monthly Meetings** | **Newsletter** | **Library Usage** | **Clubhouse Access**a |
| **Prospective** | $0 | na | na | Non-renewable Trial membership | 0b | 1 | Yes | Yesd | No | No |
| **Student** | $0 | na | na | Must be actively enrolled Full-Time in school or college. | 1c | 1 | Yes | Yes | Yese | No |
| **Standard** | $60 | $150 | $240 | Standard membership for adults | 1 | 1 | Yes | Yes | Yes | No |
| **Family** | $100 | $250 | $400 | Family level members must all reside in the same household | 2c | 2 | Yes | Yes | Yes | No |
| **Honorary Life** | $0 | $0 | $0 | Granted by vote of the Board of Directors to recognize extraordinary service to the Society over an extended period of time | 1 | 1 | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
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**Notations:**

1. This level of access is above and beyond the standard activities. The Clubhouse will be accessible for standard scheduled activities.
2. Perspective members must upgrade to a qualifying membership 65 days prior to the annual meeting to be eligible to vote.
3. All voting members must be at least 18 years of age.
4. Digital distribution only via email and web.
5. All library lenders must be at least 12 years of age.

Donation Types:

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| **Tier** | **Donation** |
| **amount** | **Internal notes** |
| **Central Massachusetts** | $180 | First level of donation; this is the equivalent of what dues should be for a group our size that owns a building…15 dollars a month |
| **Ware River** | $300 | Just if someone wants to give more |
| **Springfield, Athol & Northeastern** | $500 | Etc. |
| **Central Vermont** | $1500 | This is meant to be the first level of Allied Membership; meant for vendors and/or manufacturers who could afford to help us out a bit more than a single individual. |
| **Boston & Albany** | $2500+ | This is also meant for Allied Membership, again meant for vendors and/or manufacturers. |

These are 5 of the “7 Railroads of Palmer.” The Hampden was built but never operated and the Southern New England was not completed. The B&A, the CV and the Ware River served Union Station (the Steaming Tender), which was designed by H.H. Richardson.