

## **NEWS RELEASE**

CONTACT: Daniel Watts 603-456-2041

## **Kearsarge Chamber Presents Grant**

CONTOOCOK, NH— JULY 12, 2022— The Kearsarge Area Chamber of Commerce has generously provided a grant in the amount of \$3,360 to the Contoocook Railroad Association Museum Visitor Center. This grant will be used to fund summertime hours for the visitor center. Regularly scheduled hours at the visitor center will help promote area businesses and organizations to visitors and residents. Kearsarge Chamber members are encouraged to contact either the museum or the Chamber if they would like to schedule a pop-up shop at the museum.

The Contoocook Riverway Association owns the historic depot completed in 1849, the world's oldest surviving railroad covered bridge, a 1907 Pullman Coach car, and a late 1800's section house recently moved to the property. The site is located next to the Contoocook River in Village Square in Contoocook.

The Kearsarge Area Chamber of Commerce has over 170 members of local businesses, artisans, and non-profits. The Chamber bridges the gap between New London and Concord, serving all the area towns. Members participate in educational workshops and networking events while the Chamber assists them in promoting their organizations.

More information about the Visitor Center may be found at: <u>VisitContoocook.com</u>, and information about the Chamber may be found at: KearsargeChamber.org.

- END -

Photo Caption: L-R Brian Erickson, Contoocook River Assoc. President accepts a grant from Daniel Watts, Kearsarge Area Chamber President, while Mark Winzeler, CRA founding member looks on.