

**Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority  
Advisory Board Meeting  
Hyannis Transportation Center  
June 15, 2016  
9:00 a.m.**

**Minutes**

A meeting of the Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority Advisory Board was held on Wednesday, June 15, 2016 at 9:00 a.m., at the Hyannis Transportation Center, Hyannis, Massachusetts. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Robert Lawton, Vice Chairman.

Advisory Board members present were: Mark Ells, Barnstable; Bob Lawton, Yarmouth; Bud Dunham, Sandwich; Dorothy Voelker, Yarmouth Port; Jane Perry, Falmouth; John Cahalane, Mashpee; Elizabeth Sullivan; Dennis, Dave Panagore; Provincetown, Roy Jones, Brewster; Myra Suchenicz, Orleans.

Others present included: Thomas Cahir, CCRTA; Henry Swiniarski, CCRTA; Fred Valdivia, MV Transit; Brian Dale, CCRTA; Kathleen Jensen, CCRTA; Paula George, CCRTA, Lynn Ahlgren, CCRTA; Cathy Lynds, CCRTA; Shirley Davies, CCRTA, Lisa McKay, CCRTA; Glenn Cannon, Cape Cod Commission; and Patrick Tierney, Cape Cod Commission.

A 71.45% quorum was determined.

**I. Minutes of April 20, 2015 Advisory Board Meeting**

Bud Dunham moved that the minutes from the April 20, 2016 Advisory Board meeting be approved. Jane Perry seconded. **Approved.**

**II. Reports**

Administrator Tom Cahir talked about a recent press conference to discuss the initiatives the CCRTA is undertaking with regard to the mobility needs of seniors on Cape Cod in response to a Cape Cod Times editorial. Tom called all the COA's on the Cape and talked about meeting after Labor Day with all the important players.

He then went on to discuss travel training initiatives that Paula George has undertaken. He went on to mention the beginning of the CapeFLYER season on Memorial Day weekend. We held an event with over 300 Veterans to take the train to the Hyannis and were then transported to the Cape Cod Cares for the Troops event. The weekend was a great success. Tom also discussed the upcoming event with the Cape Cod Baseball League.

Cahir then when on to speak about the Transit Oriented Development progress including new leases with Steamship and Hy-line ferries. The CCRTA is also involved in active talks with RMV and AECOM to relocate the RMV to Hyannis Transportation Center.

Cahir highlighted the CFO report stating that our expenses went from 8.4 million down to 7.9 million and revenue as of April 30th is up.

Bob Lawton talked about getting the executive board together to look into investment and OPEB policies in next two months.

Patrick Tierney from the Cape Cod Commission gave a presentation on 2 studies they have been conducting; the Comprehensive Service Assessment and Eliminating Transit Barriers. Dave Panagore then discussed how difficult it is for seasonal employees to get to and from their jobs. The bus system works well for tourists but not for the workforce. He and Patrick discussed what could be done to increase service.

Myra Suchenicz discussed how on 6A there are so many young people riding their bikes to Ocean Edge, and inquired if there any big employers looking to partner with RTA to provide safe transportation. Tom said that the CCRTA has discussed this at the J1 meeting we recently attended and we've been talking with the big employers to discuss alternative transportation for workers.

Jane Perry noted that she uses our DART service and believes it is a wonderful service. She also pointed out that older people depend on the drivers that know their routine.

**IV. New Business** – Tom announced the main road into the CCRTA will be known as Transportation Ave and the road to Ridgewood Ave will be called Paula George Way. The entire staff has been excited about this because Paula has given decades of her life to improving transportation on Cape Cod.

#### **V. Old Business**

None

#### **VI. Public Questions/Concerns**

None

#### **VII. Adjournment**

**Bob Lawton moved to adjourn, Roy Jones seconded. Approved unanimously.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:44 a.m.

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the foregoing minutes are accurate and complete.

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George H. Dunham  
Clerk of the Advisory Board

These minutes will be formally considered by the Advisory Board at its next meeting, and any corrections or notations will be incorporated in the minutes of that meeting.