

**Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority
Advisory Board Meeting
Hyannis Transportation Center
September 17, 2014**

Minutes

A meeting of the Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority Advisory Board was held on Wednesday, September 17, 2014, at 9:00 a.m., at the Hyannis Transportation Center, Hyannis, Massachusetts. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Tom Guerino, Chairman.

Board members present were: Tom Guerino, Bourne; Roy Jones, Brewster; Bob Lawton, Yarmouth; Mark Ells, Barnstable; Tom Mayo, Mashpee; Bill Doherty, Harwich; Bud Dunham, Sandwich; Dorothy Voelker, Yarmouth Port;

Others present included: Thomas Cahir, CCRTA; Catherine Lynds, CCRTA; Glenn Cannon, Cape Cod Commission; Patrick Tierney, Cape Cod Commission; George Slade, CCRTA; Dennis Walsh, CCRTA; John Kennedy, MV Transit; John Catoe, MV; Wesley Adams, MV; Fred Valdivia, EMV Transit; Brian Dale, CCRTA; Kathleen Jensen, CCRTA; Paula George, CCRTA, Lynn Ahlgren, CCRTA; Sue Rohrbach, Senator Wolf's Office.

A 60% quorum was determined.

I. Minutes of April 16, 2014 Advisory Board Meeting

Roy Jones moved that the minutes be approved. Bud Dunham seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

II. Reports

Cahir summarized board reports beginning with discussion about the CapeFLYER. He mentioned the 2 big improvements for the 2015 season; stop on the south side of the bridge and the dedicated train set eliminating the Friday night stops along the commuter run. Roy Jones asked about the Hyannis to Boston round trip on Saturdays. Cahir answered that the Hyannis to Boston run is being considered but will not be introduced in 2015. Bill Doherty asked about commuter rail from Boston to the Cape. Cahir said that he is a huge proponent of commuter rail up to Buzzards Bay but not on the Cape side of the bridge.

Cahir discussed our partnership with the Upper Cape Vocational school who will be building and installing our bus shelters at a reduced cost.

He then mentioned the discussions regarding the 3rd bridge between state and town officials. Tom Guerino was notified about these meetings very late and wants to state that Secretary of Transportation Frank DePaola, needs to communicate better to communities most involved. Bill Doherty spoke about the possibility of a tunnel and wants to make sure this idea it is not ignored.

Tom discussed the need to adjust the Barnstable Villager route and will be meeting with Mark Ells to go over the issues.

John Kennedy gave a presentation on the annunciators that have been installed on all fixed route buses.

Bill Doherty noted the refusal by the Commonwealth and Federal Government to recognize the need for Cape Codders to drive into an event at the Pilgrim Nuclear plant in order to evacuate. He asked what we're doing to coordinate with the Emergency Planning Commission and explained ferries are part of the public transportation and should coordinate with them to use the water as an evacuation plan. Tom Guerino suggested this topic be put on the agenda for a future meeting. Roy Jones answered that he and Paula have been working with the Regional Emergency Planning Commission to make town administrators aware of their responsibilities in using the COA buses in case of emergency.

III. Advisory Board

- Executive Committee – Tom Guerino requested an Executive Committee Meeting within the next couple weeks.
- Audit & Finance – No report
- Fare & Service – No report
- Rail Committee – No report

IV. New Business

None

V. Old Business

None

VI. Public Questions/Concerns

None

VII. Adjournment

Mark Ells moved to adjourn, Roy Jones seconded, approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.