

**Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority  
Advisory Board Meeting  
Via Zoom  
June 23, 2021 – 9:00 a.m.**

**Minutes**

A meeting of the Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority Advisory Board was held on Wednesday, June 23, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. via video conferencing. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Bob Lawton, Chairman.

Board members present were: George Slade, Bourne; Bob Lawton, Yarmouth; Mark Ells, Barnstable; Bud Dunham, Sandwich; Dorothy Voelker, Yarmouth Port; Erin Ellis, Provincetown; Judi Wilson, Orleans; Peter Lombardi, Brewster; Brenda Vazquez, Dennis; Roslyn Diamond, Eastham; Falmouth, Sam Patterson; Jill Goldsmith, Chatham; Wayne Taylor, Mashpee; Darrin Tangeman, Truro; Greg Rounseville, Dennis

Others present included: Thomas Cahir, CCRTA; Kathy Jensen, CCRTA; Henry Swiniarski; CCRTA

A 85.17% quorum was determined.

**I. Minutes of April 28, 2021 Advisory Board Meeting**

Sam Patterson made a motion to approve the April 28, 2021 minutes. George Slade seconded.

Approved unanimously.

**II. Reports**

Tom Cahir began his report stating that Secretary Jamey Tesler will be visiting for a tour and CCRTA update. He then provided an update on the federal stimulus funding, including a significant portion of stimulus funding disbursed to the Steamship Authority, Hy-Line, Bay State Cruises, and Peter Pan Bus Lines. Tom next discussed the Human Service Transportation brokerage issue regarding GATRA taking over the Cape and Islands. He mentioned that he has been working with Sarah Peake and the legislation on putting a pause on this program and create a task force so it can be examined and address the issues that may impact constituents across the region.

Judi Wilson mentioned that this is going to significantly impact not only the MassHealth members but the senior population and the COA is very concerned. Brenda Vazquez expressed that this plan will cause a major disruption and is very confusing for seniors. She added that communication is important. Mark Ells asked if we could create a draft letter to send to the appropriate people expressing concern. Tom responded that numerous communications have already been provided to the Baker Administration as well as Legislators, but we will continue to communicate our concerns related to the HST consolidation of regions and brokers. Dorothy added that she has friends that use

this service and that this will be a real hardship for her. Brenda added that the COA's could also take a position and submit concerns. George added that he is perplexed by this plan.

He continued highlighting portions of the reports including:

- An update on our enhanced digital presence including creating a new website.
- The launch of Free Fare Fridays starting June 25th
- SmartDART and the inclusion of Dennis and Falmouth
- We were able to provide over 1,400 deliveries for food for those in need
- Updates to the CapeFLYER, now in its 9<sup>th</sup> season
- Noah Berger has given his resignation as he is moving to become the Administrator of the Merrimack Valley RTA.

Bob Lawton noted that Plymouth & Brockton has resumed service and asked Tom if we were able to get ridership numbers from them. Tom responded that we are working with them to collect the information.

### **III. Advisory Board:**

- Executive/Budget Committee – No report
- Audit & Finance Committee – No report
- Fare and Service Committee – No report
- Rail Committee – No report.

IV. **New Business** - none

V. **Old Business** - none

VI. **Public Questions/Concerns** - none

VII. **Adjournment**

**Sam Patterson moved to adjourn, Erin Ellis seconded, roll call vote approved unanimously.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.