

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Southeast Vermont Transit Board of Directors
Monday, February 6, 2017, 5:20 PM
45 Mill Street, Wilmington, VT
706 Rockingham Road, Rockingham, VT
Via Video Conferencing

President Tom Marsh called the Board of Directors meeting to order at 5:20 pm. Those in attendance and consisting of a quorum were as follows:

Board Members Present: Tom Marsh, Chip Stearns, Eithne Eldred, Travis Wendell, Wendy Harrison, Matt Mann, Jon Meeks, Marco Tallini

Invited Guests: None

Members of the Public: None

Staff Present: Randy Schoonmaker, Leona Linney, Rebecca Gagnon and Jan Terk

Public Input: None

Amend Agenda: None

Approve minutes of January 9, 2017, Motion 1: Chip Stearns motioned to approve the January 9, 2017 minutes. Wendy Harrison seconded. Motion passed 8-0.

Old Business

Current Construction Project: Construction meetings have been suspended since the park & ride was completed. The Current is trying to go out to bid for the fuel system for installation in the spring. The Act 250 Permit application will be filed this week for the addition. The State is reconsidering its position on the existing Stormwater permit. They originally thought the existing permit would cover the addition but now may require that we go through the whole process from the beginning to obtain a new permit. This may impact requirements for permeable surfaces. Our engineer is working closely with the State on this, with the hopes that the state will determine that our project falls under the existing permit. USDA should provide a decision on our funding eligibility this week. Rebecca has completed all the State's required paperwork for reimbursement of the state park and ride grant on behalf of the town. All in-kind and material numbers have been approved. Randy noted that the Act 250 Permit will require signature by the Town because they're the landowner. Randy estimates that The Current will benefit from a savings of at least 50 cents per gallon with the new fuel tanks.

Medicaid: Randy reported that the \$113,000 in retro payments was received the end of last month, and we are now seeing an increase in weekly payments from about \$43,000 to just under \$50,000. The issue is that although the number of unduplicated clients has increased over the past four months, there is still not enough money being generated to fund all required VPTA expenses. No definite date has been set for the next meeting with Medicaid, but hopefully soon. Medicaid is 37% of the company's income, and if favorable negotiations cannot be completed, the Board will be

advised of its options by Randy. Tom expressed concern over the uncertainty of 37% of income and going forward with the construction project. Randy advised that proceeding with the fuel tanks has no risk as it is covered by the Earmark. The building addition will be on hold until about October waiting for funding availability from USDA, and we should have answers on the Medicaid issue well before then. The Board expressed satisfaction with this position.

Finance Committee Report: Ridership is showing improvement, specifically on routes that were recently made fare free. Winter season routes continue to be well over last year. The route improvement plan is being worked on. Changes in the Okemo route have shown improvement in ridership. The Current is now just 2% behind last year system wide, and The MOOver is up 21%. Company total rides show an 8% increase. The Finance Committee met on Friday, February 3rd, and Marco advised that there was nothing of note to report. Randy noted that the total company shows that revenue is \$9,000 above last year at this time, and expenses are over budget by about \$25,000 primarily due to health care costs.

Executive Session, Motion 2: Jon Meeks motioned to move into executive session at 6:01pm. Wendy Harrison seconded. Motion passed 8-0. The Board moved out of executive session at 6:16pm.

New Business: None

Company Updates: None

Board member comments: Following Chip Stearn's question, Randy explained that we went out to bid for new financial software, received one response, and determined that we could not justify any benefit over QuickBooks for the cost. As a result, the capital dollars associated with this intended purchase were returned to the State. As requested, Randy will update the list of board members, their terms, and the revised committee membership.

Future Agenda Items:

1. Annual Report – to include a summary of financial information
2. More combined meetings with everyone in one location -- Tom suggested April (Wilmington), and October (Rockingham)
3. Board community outreach

Adjourn Motion 3: Marco Tallini motioned to adjourn at 6:28 pm. Travis Wendell seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0