

Jason Rasmussen called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Those in attendance and constituting a quorum were as follows:

Board Members:

Randy Capitani
Jason Rasmussen
Joel Bluming
Erin Ladd
Seth Boyd (left at 10:23 am)
Dan Thoemke

Members of the Public: None

Staff Present:

Randy Schoonmaker, CEO, SEVT
Keith Johnson, Finance Manager, SEVT
Christine Howe, General Manager, SEVT

Invited Guests:

Jeremy Whiting, VTrans

Public Input: None

Amendments to the Agenda: None

Minutes from January 20 Board meeting: Reviewed with no changes

Ridership: Springfield microtransit has been very successful. Jason asked to clarify how many vehicles operate in Springfield. Christine explained we have one vehicle and are watching data to see if there are any rides being denied. Okemo is down this year. Rockingham is down 5% for fixed route. Demand response rides will be available next month as our new software is still in transition for reports.

Wilmington's year-round routes are down 6% but with the cuts that we made that percentage is not that bad. The Winter routes are down 5% with Bears Crossing showing the largest loss of ridership. However, that complex has a ski home trail that has open for most of the winter, so we bring most riders to the mountain but not back. Stratton-Manchester route is up 18%. Total Wilmington is down 4%. Total company is down 5%. Randy C noted all the winter routes have suffered from the extreme cold this winter. Dan noted that the Presidents Week vacations are staggered in the different states as well causing different patterns at the mountain.

Finance Committee Report: Keith presented the summary of the Finance Committee Meeting as presented in the Board packet. Randy C reiterated that we are still waiting on Medicaid income. Keith explained that there is an \$800,000 midyear budget adjustment request in the Legislature that has that would true up the losses from FY25 Medicaid income.

Proposed Brattleboro Route Changes: Randy S presented the summary of the proposed Brattleboro route changes. The routes are generally running behind and there are more housing developments coming online which provides more reasons for change. An example of this would be instead of 12 Red Line trips there would be nine trips with longer time on each trip. Discussion

ensued. Randy C expressed support in the change. Jason asked if Chris was spoken to about this. Randy S explained he had only briefly spoken to Sue but without Board approval he did not want to proceed. Jeremy discussed the Swiftly data that shows on time performance and said he would work with Swiftly to dig deeper into the data for use on this project. Randy S explained the ADA bus concept to use as the handful of other stops that don't seem to fit into the regular schedule. Randy C asked if that would be relayed to the public and he assured that it would. Conceptually we need the Board's approval to continue to the work on the schedule changes. **Motion 1 Randy C to authorize staff to continue to develop plans to improve the Brattleboro lines, Joel Seconded Motion Passed 5-0**

Safety Update: Christine had no updates. The safety committee meeting will be upcoming as the next step.

Executive Session: None

Motion to Adjourn by Joel, seconded by Randy C, meeting adjourned at 11:38