

**Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority
Advisory Board Meeting
Via Zoom
September 15, 2021 – 9:00 a.m.**

Minutes

A meeting of the Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority Advisory Board was held on Wednesday, September 15, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. via video conferencing. The meeting was called to order at 9:05 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; Brenda Vazquez, Dennis; Roslyn Diamond, Eastham; Sam Patterson, Falmouth; Jill Goldsmith, Chatham; Wayne Taylor, Mashpee; Darrin Tangeman, Truro; Greg Rounseville, Dennis

Others present included: Thomas Cahir, CCRTA; Kathy Jensen, CCRTA; Chris Kennedy, CCRTA; Leah LaCross, CCRTA; Henry Swiniarski; CCRTA

A 85.17% quorum was determined.

I. Minutes of June 23, 2021 Advisory Board Meeting

George Slade made a motion to approve the June 23, 2021 minutes. Sam Patterson seconded. Approved unanimously.

II. Reports

Tom Cahir highlighted his reports talking about the One Cape Conference stating that Secretary Jamey Tesler who was a keynote speaker at the event had visited us to talk about several Cape Cod issues including stimulus funding and the Bourne Rail Trail project where we would help to expedite that process. Sam Patterson asked if we should keep that quiet for a bit and Tom answered yes, until we get more definitive answers. He talked about the end of the CapeFLYER's 9th season and that public transportation across the country has not rebounded from the pandemic. Ridership on Commuter Rail especially has been down but the CapeFLYER exceeded the statewide average.

He continued highlighting portions of the reports including:

- An update on our enhanced digital presence including creating a new website.
- SmartDART and the inclusion of Dennis and Falmouth
- Ridership trends
- Hyannis Transportation Center and Transportation Avenue improvements.
- Introduced Leah LaCross as our new Grants Manager.

Tom next discussed the Human Service Transportation Task Force created as a result of the consolidation of HST brokers and regions statewide.

George Slade mentioned that he had a conversation with the Bourne COA regarding the consolidation of HST service. She answered that it was too early to tell and would be interested in the COA Directors thoughts on how the issue has affected their communities. He also recognized Henry's good fiscal management in the reduction of the RAN funding.

Judi Wilson noted that she has received feedback regarding the consolidation and it is about 50/50 with some stating that they have been left stranded, the inability to contact the call takers and no local accountability.

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, Dorothy Voelker seconded, roll call vote approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.