**Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority**

**Advisory Board Meeting**

**Via Zoom**

**December 21, 2022 – 9:00 a.m.**

**Minutes**

A meeting of the Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority Advisory Board was held on Wednesday, December 21, 2023, 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: Mark Ells, Barnstable; George Slade, Bourne; Pete Lombardi, Brewster; Jill Goldsmith, Chatham; Brenda Vazquez, Dennis; Roslyn Diamond, Eastham; Joe Powers, Harwich; Judi Wilson, Orleans; Dan Riviello, Provincetown; George Dunham, Sandwich; Darrin Tangeman, Truro; Robert Lawton, Yarmouth.

Others present included: Thomas Cahir, CCRTA; Kathy Jensen, CCRTA; Henry Swiniarski, CCRTA; Linda Landry, CCRTA; Stephanie Spadoni, CCRTA; Debra Shores, CCRTA; Mariela Cordero, CCRTA.

A 77.76% quorum was determined.

1. **Minutes of September 21, 2022 Advisory Board Meeting**

George Slade made a motion to approve the September 21-, 2022 Minutes, Brenda Vasquez seconded, approved unanimously by roll call vote.

1. **Reports**

Tom Cahir began by mentioning the great relationship he and the CCRTA have with the Steamship Authority and the positive results they acquired together. Tom mentioned MassDOT and their regular interactions. He mentioned how proud he is to hear MassDOT express positive comments and quoted them; “The CCRTA is always ahead of the RTA class”. Tom went on to inform the board; he was asked to participate in the Cape Cod Bridges Advisory Group considering his extensive background in transportation and is also a Borne resident. Tom continued his discussion by highlighting the 10 years the CAPEFLYER has been around, and praised Kathy Jensen’s involvement and hard work. Tom went on to discuss EV Transition and mentioned our hiring of HATCH to help with the study so we may gain more knowledge on the subject, he encouraged everyone to go on our website to learn more about it. He mentioned CCRTA’s partnership with the Cape Cod Gateway Airport and our $2 million clean energy smart grid grant awarded to CCRTA for the planning of a smart microgrid that generates and distributes clean, reliable power. Tom mentioned he is looking forward to working with Katie on this project.

Tom informed the board that CCRTA will be hosting a Recharge Event per Steve Tupper and the Commissions request on June 3, 2023 and everyone is welcome to join. He also mentioned he has been invited by the Cape Cod Commission to sit on their Regional Housing Strategy Steering Committee.

Tom mentioned his role in the committee, is to make sure future developments of housing have a transit plan in place.

He also emphasized his commitment to senior mobility and thanked Brenda, Judi, and Susan for their guidance. He mentioned the $50,000 in funding to support Cape Cod COA’s for older adults’ transportation, and said he will be sending out a letter to all COA’s Directors with specific funding details.

Tom wrapped up by briefly mentioning our driver shortage, and how we thankfully haven’t had to reduce service and mentioned the aggressive advertising CCRTA is doing to hire more drivers and how exciting the current number of applicants is coming along. Lastly, Tom thanked Dan Riviello and Alex Morse for their valuable input with all things Provincetown related specifically with the newly added early morning late night service.

**Advisory Board:**

* Executive/Budget Committee – No Report
* Fare and Service Committee – No report
* Rail Committee – No report.

1. **New Business -** none
2. **Old Business -** none

**Public Questions/Concerns –** Dan Riviello thanked Tom and his team for all of their efforts while also extending his appreciation for their partnership. Brenda Vazquez expressed how happy she was to have CCRTA be part of her event. She also expressed her excitement about the award she received from the Executive Office of Health and Human Services which comes with a $352,000 Grant which she will use for her new program called Destination Respit. This program is expected to have various satellites with transportation included. Roslyn Diamond asked Tom if the Eastham to Provincetown pilot program has a name or is it just extended service? Tom responded no, unless Dan named it differently. Dan responded as of right now is just called Early Morning/Late Night service. Second question from Roslyn was; is it 7 days a week and when will it end? Tom responded the program began May 1st and it will go until Columbus Day. Bob Lawton thanked Kathy Jensen for attending the Board of Selectmen Meeting and complimented her involvement. Tom made one last comment, and mentioned how he is looking forward to our next Board Meeting being in person. Jill Goldsmith asked if the board could be given a head’s up well in advance for the next in person Board Meeting to make sure it is on everyone’s calendar? Tom responded yes.

1. **Adjournment**

**George Slade moved to adjourn, Brenda Vazquez seconded.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.