

Great Barrington Public Transportation Advisory Committee

Final Minutes

May 30th 2019, Great Barrington Firehouse

Committee members present: Tate Coleman (Chair), Ann Condon, John Kilner, Pat Konecky

Members absent: Bill Cooke, Garfield Reed, Rene Wood

Also present: Michelle Loubert

1. Tate read Rules of Meeting
2. Minutes corrected and approved unanimously
3. The PTAC has walked and reviewed location of bus stop several times and recommended 5 sites to Berkshire Regional Transportation Authority which has disagreed with those and responded that they prefer to implement their choices. However, here are several site problems e.g. before or after crosswalks, no shelter provision, for which the Committee has time to input. GB Town Manager Mark Pruhenski will work with us. Bus stop signs are inappropriately located; suggestion that the Committee would be happy to choose new ones. John will create a list of potential locations for the committee to review next meeting.
4. Pat K. attended a Berkshire Regional Planning Commission meeting re. the Route Optimisation Proposal. Tom Matuszko (BRPC Staff) referred her to Anuja Koirala. Tate will follow up with her.
5. Tate mentioned that we should apply for a MassDOT workforce Transportation Grant for Nursing Home workforce runs. Deadline June 25 for section 5310 grant. Thinks if we apply with our data for Demand Response Services next year there is good chance of award. Pat K. Select date meeting with Sheffield and Egremont.
6. Tate announced that Night Service begins July 1st. BRTA received a grant to operate service Monday -Friday N. Adams - Pittsfield 7:30 to 9:30 pm.
Pittsfield-Gt. Barrington 7:30 to 9:30 express. Pat asked if we should be advertising this service, maybe we should place an ad in the Shopper's Guide? Tate agreed it is a good idea, but we should contact BRTA first. Bob Malnati is currently away, so he called BRTA and left a message with Sarah Valleries.
7. Tate has talked with Berkshire Interfaith Organisation which has lobbied on bus service in the past. They asked if we are interested in them hosting a workshop on how to work best with BTM? The committee agreed that would be a good idea. Tate will reach out to them and report back at our next meeting.
8. Senator Hinds supports the effort of GBPTAC. Could help with getting the financial estimates for cost estimates from BRTA and BTM. Representative Pignatelli had tried to improve BRTA services 20 years ago as Lenox selectman. Need to call his office to press for estimates for this project. Both would be happy to attend a future meeting of the GBPTAC.
9. Tate to make calls to groups to expand committee. Vote in favor unanimous.
10. Meeting adjourned at 7:18.

Electronically Signed by Tate Coleman, Committee Chair