

Great Barrington Public Transportation Advisory Committee  
Approved Minutes June 27, 2019  
Firehouse, 37 State Rd, Great Barrington

Board Present: Tate Coleman Chair, Ann Condon, Bill Cooke , Rene Wood.

Citizens Present: Mark Pruhenski, GB Town Mgr.; Ed Lane, Lenox; Ben Lamb, 1Berkshire; Beth Wallace. BCC Dean; Valerie Fanarjian Simon's Rock; Chip Elitzer, GB resident.

1. Minutes approved unanimously.
2. Welcomed new Committee members: Rene Wood; Bruce Bernstein not present.
3. Appointment of members to unfilled positions:  
Treasurer: GB Town Mgr.  
Public Relations: Tate Coleman  
Secretary: Rotating (minutes)
4. BRTA Night Service update: Voted to send letter to BRTA, Rene to expedite.
5. Discussion of Route Optimization Initiative.(ROI)  
GB Selectboard endorsed the ROI  
GB Town Mgr. has sent request for budget on estimated neutral cost.  
Next steps: Waiting for financial figures from BRTA
6. Workforce transportation grant update: Tate reported Mass Transit dollars are allocated. Board agrees unanimously to move forward with workforce transportation grant application. We may apply this cycle or next year.
7. Fairview Hospital Update: Rene spoke with Liz Smith; they are familiar with the situation; a bus service to BMC essential for keeping appointments, and will be seriously discussed.  
ROI will include workforce run from the grant. Rene to try for the application window.  
Express bus from GB discussed.
8. BRPC Update: Tate met with Anuja K., BRPC Principal Transit Planner who is very interested in the discussed ROI routes.
9. John Kilner absent; discussion of bus stop locations in GB postponed.
10. Acting Secretary for next meeting. Renee volunteered.
11. Citizens Speak: GB resident Chip Elitzer - ideas for future bus service from Wassaic.  
Rene W. right now our main focus is *this group* e.g. BRTA and BCC service.  
Valerie F. Is service to e.g.Chesterwood, Tanglewood contemplated?  
*Ed Lane said hardest thing for businesses is getting help; Lenox would be willing to chip in money to assist in workforce transportation.*  
Gary Shepherd (former BRTA administrator) is returning to the area.  
Beth Wallace said for BCC, key to getting employees is to set up an incentive - .eg, transportatio
12. Meeting adjourned at 5:17p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Ann Condon