

Regional Transportation Advisory Committee Minutes

Wednesday, 17 August 2022

Due to the RTAC's exemption from the Open Meeting Law as a Town Manager committee, the committee can and chooses to continue to hold remote meetings. All members of the public are welcome to attend by telecommunications or video means.

Meeting called to order at 6:47 PM

Present: Tate Coleman, Bill Cooke, Deb Phillips, Gabrielle Brussel,

Agenda Items:

- I. Election of officers (**discussion/vote**) (6:40) – see packet
 - o. Chairman – Tate Coleman
 1. Vice Chairman – Justin Wald
 2. Secretary – Deb Phillips
 3. Treasurer
 4. Events Chair
 5. BRCCOT Representative
 6. BRTA Representative – John Morrell
 7. Towns missing: Egremont, Lee, Monterey, Sandisfield, New Marlborough

- II. Berkshire County Microtransit Planning Study (6:50)
 - a. Next Steps
 - . Tate C. named Microtransit Program Director
 - i. Looking for an Operations Manager! (FT)
 - ii. BRTA has given permission for us to use the two senior vans for the microtransit program which gives us 3 vans; 4th van on order – this is a town van with no restrictions
 - iii. Tate is firming up the budget and will share when it is ready to get input from the other involved towns

- I. Fare-Free Transit Pilot Update (7:05)

BRTA could not tell us if the passes are being used – software and fare boxes not working

 - a. ARPA Funds Allocation Update – unable to get that funding

 - b. Report (to-date) – it was successful – more popular than expected

- II. Bus Stop Shelter Project Update (7:25)

- a. 2 shelters– expected within next couple months – GB just got a new DPW head who has not gotten to it yet
- b. Another 10 shelters and ADA upgrades must happen by the end of 2023 – contract signed – there will be 27 accessible boarding locations for buses and microtransit

III. Vocational Education Transportation – FY2023 Update (7:30)

- a. 3 students—re-evaluation transportation provider
- b. Still trying to find a transportation provider – we appear to have a bidder
- c. Transportation Committee’s role:
 - . Provide recommendations (as for FY2021)
 - i. Contact Polly - GB COA

IV. Treasurer’s Report (7:40)

- a. FY2023 Budget: \$1,000.00 – generally used to promote transit services
- b. Anticipated costs – none at the time, possible use to promote micro transit

V. Chair’s Report - Tate C. (7:50)

- a. BRTA Board Representative–FY2023
- b. RTA Budget – Senate & House = level funded

BRTA created a new position for \$75,000 and are cutting bus routes

- c.. Tate will be offering the RFP for the microtransit software system in the next month – there has been a lot of interest – Gabrielle will help with this

New Business – none

Old business – none

Citizen Speak – none

Next meeting: Wednesday, /September

Motion to adjourn 7:09 PM