

## **July 23, 2020 Meeting Minutes – Martha's Vineyard Transit Authority Advisory Board**

***Ms. Gompert stated in accordance with Governor Baker's emergency modification of the Open Meeting Law this meeting will be held virtually. Remote participation only via Zoom Video Communications.***

Present: Alice Butler, Oak Bluffs; Mark Snider, Edgartown; Elaine Miller, Tisbury; Lenny Jason, Chilmark; Susanna Sturgis, West Tisbury; June Manning\*, Aquinnah; Anne Sylvester, Community Disabled Rider Rep, Edgartown; Angela Gompert - VTA, Lauren Thomas- VTA, Suzanne Cioffi- VTA and David Zeilinger, TCI General Manager.

Guests: Richard Townes, Vicki Moreis, Jason Chalifoux, Will Sennett- Vineyard Gazette

9:33 am Ms. Butler called the meeting to order

**Public Comments:** Mr. Chalifoux read a letter to the board regarding passenger loads.

**Minutes:** Ms. Miller made a motion to accept the minutes from June 18, 2020. Mr. Jason 2<sup>nd</sup>. Ms. Sylvester abstained as she was not a member of the board. m/s/c

9:48 am Ms. Manning joined the meeting

### **Financial Update:**

- A) Fare Collection: Ms. Gompert stated that fares have been being collected starting July 1<sup>st</sup> on all routes except Route 10 & 11 (Tisbury and Edgartown Park and Rides). She stated that the ticket sellers are working six days a week, though volume of sales is down significantly.

### **Old/New Business:**

- A) Operations Update: Mr. Zeilinger stated his new drivers completed the CDL course. He said he hired 12 drivers, majority arriving from Puerto Rico. He stated recruitment with colleges had student drivers from Texas, Virginia and UMass. He said he has two dispatchers: Nicole returning from last summer and Caroline who returned from previous summers and is driving plus dispatching this season.

The board asked a series of question regarding crowding and social distancing on the routes. Ms. Gompert and Mr. Zeilinger answered the questions asked.

- B) Capital Projects: Edgartown Visitor Center: Ms. Gompert updated the board that a committee has been appointed by Edgartown BOS; the first meeting will be on July 30 at 12:00 noon. The members are Jane Chittick, Sara Piazza, Julia Livingston, Alan Strahler, Doris Ward and Bill Venio from the MVC.

\*indicates arriving late or leaving early

- C) Comprehensive Regional Plan: Ms. Gompert updated the board that the survey has been released to the public and is up on our website.

**Ridership:**

Ridership is down 76.50% from last June; Ms. Thomas stated at the end of FY20 ridership was down 31.75% from FY19. FY20 had 890,783 riders.

**Next meeting** will be scheduled in September, unless something pressing comes up.

Mr. Jason made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting and go into Executive Session and not return to open meeting at 11:54am, Ms. Sturgis 2<sup>nd</sup> m/s/c

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Date

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Signed