

VTA Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2020

The Martha's Vineyard Transit Authority Advisory Board met Friday, January 10, 2020, at 9:30 AM at the offices of the Transit Authority, 11 A Street, Edgartown. Present were Alice Butler (Oak Bluffs), John Alley (West Tisbury), Lenny Jason (Chilmark), June Manning (Aquinnah), Elaine Miller (Tisbury), Mark Snider (Edgartown) and Carlton Crocker, Rider Community Representative-Chilmark. Also present were Angela Grant (VTA), Lauren Thomas (VTA), Suzanne Cioffi (VTA) and David Zeilinger (TCI)

Absent was Sarah Nevin, Disabled Community Representative-Edgartown

Guests at the meeting: Susanna Sturgis, West Tisbury

The meeting was called to order at 9:30am.

Minutes:

November 18, 2019: Ms. Manning motioned to approve, Mr. Alley seconded. m/s/c. Mr. Crocker abstained

December 13, 2019: Mr. Alley motioned to approve, Ms. Manning seconded. m/s/c. Mr. Crocker abstained

Ridership: Ms. Grant advised that they did not have any data but from what she has seen does not look like there was decline for December; numbers remained flat.

Financial Update: Ms. Grant provided the board with a draft financial through November 30, 2019. The board asked a series of questions and was provided answers by Ms. Grant.

Mr. Alley inquired status of the lease agreement with the airport. Ms. Grant advised that due to the holidays discussions had not taken place but will resume.

Old/New Business:

Operations Report: Acting Manager David Zeilinger advised the board that they are beginning the recruitment process for the upcoming season. He stated they will be hiring about 30 people. He stated training will be conducted next week for current drivers.

Capitol Updates: Ms. Grant stated two new buses should be arriving end of January. She informed the board that she met with the Edgartown Board of Selectmen to discuss Church Street project. She stated there will be a bid process for the removal of the trees at Church Street; the project hopefully will be completed by the end of April.

Items not reasonably anticipated to be discussed:

Mr. Snider inquired the status of the letters being sent to the towns. Ms. Grant stated the letters went to the towns. She said Edgartown was presenting it to the FinCom, Chilmark is requesting VTA to go to FinCom, Aquinnah's Board of Selectmen wants to have a conversation with the Tribe and Oak Bluffs is under discussion.

Mr. Snider wanted to discuss ways to create revenues. He discussed the current schedule and wanted to see an executive summary on the front and to see a simpler message. He stated there is great detail on the schedule but feels needs to become simpler for the daily visitors; he would like to see bikes charged a fee for riding the bus. Discussion ensued if there should be no charge for passengers who have an annual fee verses daily trip passes in reference to bikes on the buses. Ms. Grant advised she would gather more information for next meeting.

11:31 am Mr. Alley made a motion to end open session and go into Executive Session advised will not be reconvening in open session and Ms. Manning 2nd. m/s/c

Date

Signed