

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE NEXT
ESTUARY TRANSIT DISTRICT and MIDDLETOWN TRANSIT DISTRICT BOARD MEETINGS

ESTUARY TRANSIT DISTRICT
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
MAT GARAGE, 91 N. MAIN STREET, MIDDLETOWN, CT
WITH REMOTE OPTIONS
THURSDAY, JULY 22, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Leslie Strauss, Chairman at 9:04 a.m.

ROLL CALL

A quorum was established with the following board members present: Charlie Norz, Karl Kilduff, Noel Bishop, Susan Tyler, Peter Bierrie, Joan Gay, Angus MacDonald, Tim Griswold and Leslie Strauss.

Also in attendance: Joe Comerford, Christina Denison and Sam Gold, RiverCog

Sam Gold left the meeting at 9:07 a.m.

Tim Griswold left the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

VISITORS COMMENTS

Sam Gold spoke with Dennis Solensky, CTDOT, who seems very optimistic about the district expansion.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Susan Tyler made a motion to approve the MOA Committee/ETC Meeting minutes of June 12, 2021, to July 19, 2021. Peter Bierrie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION –

Contract Negotiations with First Transit--Leslie Strauss made a motion to go into Executive Session at 9:09 a.m. for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations with First Transit. Charlie Norz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Invited into the Executive Session were all Board members.

Contract Negotiations with DOT--Leslie Strauss made a motion to continue in Executive Session at 9:28 a.m. for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations with CTDOT. The motion passed unanimously. Invited into the Executive Session were all Board members, Joseph Comerford and Christina Denison.

No actions were taken in Executive Session. Regular Session resumed at 10:10 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS—Inter-District MOA

Tyler reported that the Inter-District MOA tracks the original MOA with DOT which had previously been Board approved; DOT has been removed as a participant and signatory. She noted that the Inter-District MOA also includes 3 Appendices.

Norz questioned the absence of union vs. non-union matters. Tyler stated that no mention was made so as not to impact the ability to negotiate with the union in the future.

Noel Bishop made a motion that the ETD Board authorize its Chairperson to accept and execute the Inter-District Memorandum of Agreement regarding the expansion of Estuary Transit District. C. Norz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Leslie Strauss reported that the marketing brochure will be forthcoming. The brochure will serve as the basis for the Power Point presentation for First Selectmen to present at town meetings.

CHAIR COMMENTS

None.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Bierrie asked about the status of the Westbrook land purchase. Joe Comerford reported that he and Noel Bishop recently met with the property owners, who remain "very interested."

NEXT MEETING

August 20, 2021, MAT Garage, 91 N. Main Street, Middletown, CT @ 9:30 a.m. with Remote Options. Bus transportation will be provided to Board members. Details to follow.

ADJOURNMENT

Joan Gay made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:22 a.m. Peter Bierrie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christina Denison
Clerk