

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

ESTUARY TRANSIT DISTRICT
MIDDLETOWN TRANSIT DISTRICT
SPECIAL EXPANSION TRANSITION COMMITTEE MEETING
ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL
MONDAY, JULY 12, 2021, AT 11:00 A.M.

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by Susan Tyler at 11:01 a.m.

Roll Call

A quorum was established with the following committee members present: Angus McDonald, Joan Gay, Laura Francis, Ed Bailey, Beverly Lawrence, and Susan Tyler.

Also in attendance: Joseph Comerford, Leslie Strauss, Dave Lee, Jonathan Shapiro and Christina Denison

MOA Discussion

Susan Tyler stated that the purpose of the meeting is:

1. To agree on any language changes in the Letter of Intent;
2. To agree on a negotiating strategy; and
3. To agree on an Inter-District MOA.

Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Contract Negotiations.

A motion was made to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing MOA contract negotiations with CT DOT by Joan Gay and seconded by Angus McDonald. The motion passed unanimously. Invited into the Executive Session were all committee members, Leslie Strauss, Joe Comerford, Jonathan Shapiro, Dave Lee, and Christina Denison. The Executive Session commenced at 11:02 a.m.

No actions were taken in Executive Session. The Executive Session concluded at 11:38 a.m.

Discussion of Inter-District MOA

The Inter-District MOA was reviewed. Further revisions are needed. It was agreed that the MOA needs to be signed before executing the Letter of Intent with CTDOT.

Discussion of Shared Staffing Agreement

Further discussion is deferred to a future meeting.

Old Business

Tyler asked for an update on the marketing brochure; Joe Comerford reported the committee is still waiting for revisions.

New Business

Comerford and Dave Lee will prepare a Power Point presentation and/or an Executive Summary for the districts' First Selectman to present for town meeting approval.

Comerford and Jonathan Shapiro, legal counsel, will also draft Resolutions to be signed by the member towns.

Next Steps

1. Shapiro will continue to review the CTDOT'S Letter of Intent and strengthen the Districts' response;
2. Special Board meetings for both districts will be called for the purpose of discussing the districts' negotiating position with CTDOT;
3. Tyler and Lee will continue to revise the Inter-District MOA; and
4. A meeting with Dennis Solensky and his team will be held for the purpose of further negotiating.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 19, 2021, at the MAT Garage, 91 N. Main Street, Middletown at 11:00 a.m. with an option to join via ZOOM.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Laura Francis and seconded by Joan Gay. The meeting was adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Denison
Clerk