

Exeter Local Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

Attendees,

Carol Gulla, TASC, Deb Perou, RNMOW, Scott Bogle, RPC,
Don Woodward, Chairman

June 9, 2010, 4:15p.m. at the Exeter town offices, Wheelwright Room

1. Senior & Handicapped Service Providers will begin to submit the first half of 2010 ridership data.
2. RNMOW fiscal year ending in June showed 4,625 rides vs. 3,324 in 2009, a substantial increase. Deb noted the van service is near or at its maximum utilization. Currently this program is running a deficit due in large part to the increase in service requests. A 2010 YTD (½ year) compilation for the next meeting will be presented.
3. TASC, 2010 First 5 months of service records also showed a 25% increase.
4. Taxi-voucher info will be needed for next meeting. It was noted that some difficulty is to be expected as vouchers are kept from one year to the next, especially when they are given as Christmas presents and not “cashed-in” until the following year. A trend analysis of this program will need some margin for error.
5. Coast Bus ADA-specific service is currently unknown.
6. Discussion about Reports to Selectmen and Budget: Recommendations include Average mile per trip, Number of individuals served that use more than one of the services via Excel Spread-sheet Format. This particular task will likely have opportunities for continuous improvement in the near future.
7. Notes from L.G.C. meeting about Transportation Planning: Dianne Smith of Coast Bus and Representative Donna Schlachman did a presentation of the Seacoast area's Regional Transportation coordination efforts. Exeter's Local Option Fee was seen as a success story in funding Senior and Handicapped transportation funding. Exeter's small informative brochure “Options for Senior and Handicapped Transportation” was distributed. About 20 attendees brought these “home” with them as funding seems to be a real problem due to the demand on the Health & Human Service budget.
8. Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully,
Don Woodward, Chairman, 06/11/2010