

Exeter Local Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday November 2nd , 4:15 p.m. Town Offices

Wheelwright Room

Attendees, Ms. Deb Bartley, Lamprey Healthcare, Ms. Sylvia VonAulock, Exeter Town Planner, Ms. Carol Gulla, T.A.S.C., Mr. Scott Bogle, R.P.C. , Mr. Don Woodward, Committee chairman.

Meeting began at 4:15p.m.

Agenda Items,

1). Third Quarter Report of services to Exeter Residents.

Ms. Bartley, representing Lamprey Healthcare will not be seeking any increase beyond the \$6,000 requested in 2009 on the Warrant Article.

Ms. Gulla, representing T.A.S.C. will not be seeking any increase beyond The \$16,000 requested in 2009 funded through the Motor Vehicle Registration Local Option Fee although T.A.S.C. does seem to be experiencing an increasing service requests.

Ms. Perou of Rockingham Nutrition's Meals-on-Wheels program is out of town and unable to attend this meeting, has a request for \$12,000 funded through the Motor Vehicle Registration Local Option Fee.

Mr. Rad Nichols of Coast Bus was also unable to attend but will be supplying an update of services provided and any changes effecting Coast Bus Route 7 service.

This creates \$32,000 Local Option Fee Funding requests and two separate warrant article requests totaling \$26,765

Don noted that a grant application for Federal D.o.T. to plan for local in-town bus route service did not get approved. It was very competitive with 50 states submitting multiple applications. (900-1,000 total)

A discussion about utilizing the Parks & Rec. Van during the 8 week summer vacation might require up to \$28,000 to cover hiring a driver, perhaps with a school bus license, operating, insurance & maintenance costs that would come from the local option Fee & go to the Parks and Rec. Department to rebalance their budget in advance.

A route from outlying areas of town with stops at the Library for the summer reading program, Brickyard ball field, Train station, Town Offices and of course, the Swimming Pool would be mapped out. Duplication of existing services must be avoided.

An increase of the Local option fee from the current \$2.50 to \$3.50-\$4.00 for transportation service improvements would be needed.

2). Warrant Articles.

More info needed,

The operating costs for this size vehicle will be verified by Scott.

Sylvia can check with Russ & Mike about this proposal & the vans hours of availability.

3). Other transportation related news,

Don noted that the PlanNH sessions were well attended on both days.

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m. Don Woodward, 11/04/2010