



Draft Minutes

Meeting Date: Tuesday Sept.3rd, 2013 , 4:10P.M., Wheelwright Room
Town Offices 10 Front Street

Attended by; Ms. Carol Gulla from T.A.S.C, Ms. Deb Perou from Rockingham Nutrition Meals-on-Wheels Program, Mr. Rad Nichols from Coastbus, Selectmen's Rep. Ms. Julie Gilman, Town Planner, Ms. Sylvia VonAulock, Committee Chairman, Mr. Don Woodward.

Unable to attend due to driver shortage, Ms. Deb Bartley from Lamprey Health Care.

Agenda Items,

1. Quarterly Report reviews and report to Selectmen

Carol noted that ridership at T.A.S.C. changed slightly due in part to the closing of Synergy and more coordinated rides between agencies sharing either dropping off or picking-up of clients. Due to sequestration cuts at the federal level, the impact resulted in a loss of matching funds of over \$780.00 to the portion of their service directly related to The Meals-on-Wheels service for just Exeter residents. During the same period transportation and vehicle maintenance costs have increased.

Lamprey Health care is still working out what the impact of cuts to strictly services in Exeter in actual dollars.

2. Current -05 fund balances will be discussed at the Sept. 16th meeting

3. New Route 7 Ridership data, Rad noted that there was a 26% increase in ridership in July of 2013 compared to July of 2012. Both the earlier schedule and the addition of stops on Linden St. are attributed for increased ridership. Don mentioned that there is likely a significant young adult population attending college at several Portsmouth campuses that could again boost ridership in September.

4. After reviewing ridership data and the increased use of services it became evident the current level of funding may no longer cover program costs. A vote was taken by Don W, Carol G. Deb P. and Julie G. to send a letter to the selectman to request an increase in the funding of the Local Option Fee from the current \$3.25 per registration to an even \$4.00. All voted in Favor.

5. Other Business, An Exeter resident has submitted a volunteer application to the selectmen to join the Transportation Committee.
6. There was only limited discussion involving a town committee table to encourage more resident volunteers to fill empty positions on town committees...

Don Woodward, Exeter Local Transportation Committee, *drafted 09/09/2013*