



Draft Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Tuesday December 10, 2013, 4:10PM
Wheelwright Room, Town Offices, 10 Front Street

Attended by Ms. Julie Gilman, Selectboard rep., Mr. Don Woodward, committee chairperson, Mr. Scott Bogle, Rockingham Planning Commission Rep., Ms. Sherry Mastromarino, T.A.S.C. & Coastbus user, Ms. Carol Gulla, Coordinator-T.A.S.C. Rides program.

Agenda Items:

1. Quarterly review of motor vehicle registration data & current -05 account balances for 2013, A review of year to date of revenue vs. expenditures, with the 11-month revenue annualized, revealed that the "05" Local Option Fee-Transportation fund was meeting its objectives. Don noted that recent Budget Committee recommendations included splitting the Coastbus funding increase request of \$12,928 for A.D.A. services to Exeter would be \$6,000 General Budget & \$6,928 Local option Fee Budget. Rad Nichols of Coastbus attended a joint meeting of the Budget & Selectboard to explain how this federally funded program works
Under the new USDOT/FHA (Federal Highway Administration) budget. In order to partially or fully fund just the increase to the Coastbus request, a corresponding increase in the per vehicle rate (currently \$3.25) would be needed.
2. Changes in transportation provider funding requests for 2014: including adding a portion of Coastbus funding from the Local Option Fee Account Warrant Article. Both the Rockingham Nutrition Meals-on-wheels program and the Lamprey Healthcare A.D.A. van program are receiving less Federal funding due to sequestration cuts and are anticipating less New Hampshire DHHS funding in the coming year due to State budget cutbacks. Both programs are experiencing slower rates of client increases/requests for rides with Lamprey HealthCare providing 1,034 rides to 34 Exeter residents, so far this year.
3. Sidewalks Program Account Warrant Article.
Scott spoke about the Federal D.o.T. Safe-Routes-To-School program and how it's been merged with previous programs such as Transportation Enhancement into the Transportation Alternative Program. The Exeter Train station project was qualified for funding under T.E. several years ago however, many administrative

changes were made since the original application, with the Train Station project delayed at a "To-Be-Determined" status.

Using Sidewalk Repair funds to apply for matching grants may or may not be feasible. Further research into the program would be needed to determine whether this option would ever be viable.

4. Other Local Transportation Items if needed

Meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Don Woodward, Exeter Local Transportation Committee, *draft* 12/11/2013