



Draft Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 22, 2014

The meeting began at 4:10P.M., in the Wheelwright Room of the Town Offices at 10 Front Street.

Attendees; Ms. Sherry Mastromartino, committee member; Ms. Deb Bartley, Director, Lamprey Healthcare; Ms. Deb Perou, Director Rockingham Nutrition and Meals-on-Wheels; Ms. Carol Gulla, Coordinator; T.A.S.C.-rides. Mr. Rad Nichols, Director, Coast; Mr. Don Clement, Exeter Selectman; Mr. Don Woodward, Committee

Agenda items discussed:

1. Review of motor vehicle registration data, ridership data & current -05 account balances for 2014.
2. The balance in the -05 transportation account was discussed and is in sync. with what was expected and there is enough cover additional taxi vouchers, if needed. The taxi vouchers are very popular but from an accounting standpoint are very difficult to track as they seem to be purchased and “cashed-in” on an irregular, possibly seasonally adjusted schedule. They are also purchased late in the year but may not be used until the following year.
3. Discussion of funding issues relative to Coast Bus Route 7.
4. Exeter, Great Bay Community College (at the Pease trade-port in Portsmouth) and Newington are currently the only entities fully funding Coastbus route 7. Greenland and Portsmouth aren't funding it at all and the towns of Newmarket and Stratham are partially funding the service. This creates a \$42,639 operating deficit. A stakeholder meeting in Exeter is planned for Oct.1st. Rad presented a September ridership survey that indicated more riders from Exeter are taking the bus to get to work and that last year's schedule and route change have resulted in a ridership increase, though not enough to cover the cost of the service.
5. Grant applications and 2015 Town Budget & Improvement Plan
6. Due to the length of the meeting this item was tabled to a future date.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00p.m., next meeting date TBD.

As recorded, Don Woodward, Exeter Local Transportation Committee, *draft* 09/24/2014