

VTA Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

April 17, 2019

The Martha's Vineyard Transit Authority Advisory Board met Wednesday, April 17, 2019, at 10:40AM at the offices of the Transit Authority, 11 A Street, Edgartown. Present were Alice Butler (Oak Bluffs), John Alley (West Tisbury), Lenny Jason (Chilmark), June Manning* (Aquinnah), Elaine Miller (Tisbury) and Lou Paciello (Edgartown). Also present were Angela Grant (VTA), Lauren Thomas (VTA) and Suzanne Cioffi (VTA).

Guests at the meeting: Steve Soriano and Mike Amaral.

The meeting was called to order at 10:40AM.

Meeting Minutes of 03/15/19 were reviewed. J. Manning made a motion to approve and J. Alley seconded. Vote: 6-0 to approve minutes.

Fare Increase:

Ms. Grant stated that a motion needs to be made regarding fare increases, which were discussed at the public hearing held prior to this meeting, Mr. Paciello stated he is all in favor of the fare increase; however, the Board will catch some serious heat if the mess with the drivers is not settled. Ms. Grant responded that the additional revenue brought in by the fare increase would be used to offset a portion of the anticipated driver wage increase once their contract is settled. Ms. Grant then stated that the Union and TCI had met with the Federal Mediator the first week of April, and were set to meet again at the end of May. She stated she had been told they have made progress in regard to who would be considered part of the bargaining unit. The Union wanted casual workers, i.e. those who work one shift here and there, part time and full time workers to be in the Union - the Federal Mediator was very vocal in moving forward to define that. Ms. Grant stated part time is 15 hours per week and eligible for benefits.

Mr. Paciello inquired if he was a first time year round driver, what his starting salary would be. Ms. Grant advised if he already had a CDL it would be \$17.00/hour, or if he trained for his CDL through TCI, then \$16.00/hour.

Mr. Alley stated that as a board they were getting off topic, as they are there to vote on fares and not what the drivers are getting paid. Ms. Butler requested a motion be made for the fare increase.

Mr. Jason made a motion that for peak season fares will be \$2.00 per zone. Mr. Alley 2nd. Vote: 6-0 to approve zone fare increase. The fare increase will go into effect July 1, 2019 this year and every peak season hereafter.

Ms. Grant reported that ridership through the first eight months of the year is down 2.98%: Tisbury Park & Ride was down, Routes 1, 3, 5 & 6 were up, and Route 7 & 9 were down.

10:49AM - Mr. Jason made a motion to adjourn; Mr. Alley 2nd. M/s/c/ 6-0-0.

Documents:

Zone Fare Analysis 2019

July 24 2019
Date

John S. Alley
Signed