

Wareham Beach and Tourism Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 21, 2014

The meeting of the Wareham Beach and Tourism Committee was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Bruce Hutchins. Also present were members Peter Teitelbaum, Linda Burke, and Mary Bruce.

Cape Flyer: In attendance were Tom Cahir, administrator of the Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority, and Dede Kiely, also of the CCRTA.

Mr. Cahir briefly discussed the Cape Rail plans for this summer, and distributed copies of a schedule. He said an ADA-compliant platform will be installed on Merchants Way behind the Fire Station by Memorial Day, at which time the service will begin. The service is scheduled to continue through Labor Day, with additional train service possible for certain weekends in September and October, and expanded service on holiday weekends.

Mr. Cahir expressed reservations about the likelihood for success of the Wareham stop. Discussion ensued regarding how the BTC can help promote the service and coordinate with tourism attractions and assets. Ms Bruce stressed the need for transportation links. Consensus of the committee was to meet with representatives of GATTRA regarding bus transportation links, then set up a broader public workshop meeting to get businesses and others thinking about how they can take advantage of the service.

"You're very much a part of this team now," Mr. Cahir said.

Survey: Ms Burke stated that only seven businesses have responded to the survey. She said the Canal Region Chamber of Commerce has offered to promote the survey, and the consensus of the committee was to accept their offer.

On a motion by Ms Burke, seconded by Mr. Teitelbaum, the committee voted to adjourn at 10:30 a.m. (4-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Burke
Clerk

Approved 4-0-0
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