



Green Mountain Transit Board of Commissioners Minutes
July 18, 2023 – 7:30 a.m.
101 Queen City Road, Burlington VT 05401

The mission of GMT is to promote and operate safe, convenient, accessible, innovative, and sustainable public transportation services in northwest and central Vermont that reduce congestion and pollution, encourage transit-oriented development, and enhance the quality of life for all.

Present:

Commissioner Austin Davis, Winooski
Alternate Commissioner Alice Peal, Washington County
Commissioner Bob Buermann, Grand Isle County
Commissioner Phil Pouech, Hinesburg
Alternate Commissioner Tom Derenthal, Burlington
Commissioner Paul Bohne, Essex
Commissioner Michael Scanlan, South Burlington
Commissioner Andrea Suozzo, Burlington
Alternate Commissioner Chapin Kaynor, Williston
Commissioner Catherine Dimitruk, Franklin County
Alternate Commissioner Kyle Grenier, Grand Isle County
Commissioner Henry Bonges, Milton
Alternate Commissioner Will Anderson, Burlington
Commissioner Amy Brewer, Williston
Commissioner Christian Meyers, Washington County
Commissioner Chapin Spencer, Burlington

Chris Damiani, Senior Transit Planner
Matt Kimball, Director of Grants and Project Development
Jamie Smith, Director of Planning and Marketing
Clayton Clark, General Manager
Jon Moore, Assistant General Manager
Stephanie Reid, Director of Human Resources
Nick Foss, Director of Finance
Connor Smith, Project Coordinator
Tim Bradshaw, Director of Rural Operations
Dan Currier, VTrans
Paul LeClair, GMT Bus Driver



Jimmy Johnson, Operations Manager
Tammy Masse, Controller
Ash LaBombard, Marketing Coordinator

Open Meeting

Chair Davis opened the meeting at 7:31AM.

Adjustment to the Agenda

GM Clark asked to move the Barre City conversation to the end of the agenda as they are not available to present today.

Alternate Commissioner Kaynor noted that the packet has the incorrect date.

Consent Agenda (Action Item)

Commissioner Dimitruk made a motion to approve the consent agenda noting that Kyle Grenier should be listed as the alternate for Grand Isle County, Commissioner Bonges seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

30-Year Presentation – Paul LeClair

Jimmy Johnson spoke about Paul LeClair's time as a driver at GMT.

New Commissioner Introductions

The GMT Board of Commissioners and staff did a round of introductions for all the new Commissioners and Alternate Commissioners who have joined the Board.

VTrans Update

Dan Currier gave an update on the flooding around the GMT service area.

General Manager's Report

GM Clark reviewed his report with the board.

Commissioner Meyer spoke positively about the flood response and noted that Paine Turnpike is still closed so he hopes that folks go there to examine the potential weaknesses of that location as a potential build site for the new Berlin facility.

Committee Reports



Finance: Commissioner Bohne reported that the committee worked on the ADA assessment impacts in an effort to smooth that process for communities.

Strategy: Commissioner Buermann reported that the committee continued retreat planning for the Board retreat in September.

Operations: This Committee did not meet.

JEDI: GM Clark reported that the committee spoke about the hard issues tackled at this month's meeting including a troubling ADA complaint and a banner policy for the DTC banners.

Action: FY24 Capital Budget Adjustment

Matt Kimball gave an overview of the Capital budget adjustment.

Commissioner Dimitruk made a motion to adopt the presented adjustments to the FY24 capital budget and authorize staff to issue a purchase order to New Flyer for the five (5) Battery Electric buses outlined in Line A in accordance with the GMT-New Flyer partnership agreement in the LONO grant award to VTrans/GMT, Commissioner Pouech seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Action: Release Draft Fare Plan for Public Consideration

GM Clark reviewed the draft fare plan with the Board. Commissioner Dimitruk asked that there be inclusion of the public outreach in the plan. Commissioner Buermann made a comment that prior to going fare free, there were three different fare sets and asked that this plan be clear that rural communities would continue to be zero fare and in the event that fares did resume in rural in the future, they would not mirror the urban fares.

Commissioner Spencer made a motion to approve release of the draft plan for public comment, with changes noted by Commissioners Dimitruk and Buermann, Commissioner Buermann seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Discussion: Flood Impact and Response

Jon Moore and Tim Bradshaw gave an overview of the flood efforts and continued recovery at the Berlin facility.

Barre City – City Commuter Request



119 This item was moved to a later meeting.

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121 **Commissioner Comments**

122 Chair Davis thanked everyone for flood response and all staff for forward
123 momentum on many projects.

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125 Alternate Commissioner Kaynor complimented staff on the information that is
126 being shared.

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128 **Adjourn**

129 Commissioner Spencer made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Dimitruk
130 seconded. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 9:31AM.