



Green Mountain Transit Board of Commissioners Meeting
September 19, 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:

Jamie Smith, Director of Planning and Marketing
Chris Damiani, Senior Transit Planner
Jon Moore, Assistant General Manager
Commissioner Austin Davis, Winooski
Tim Bradshaw, Director of Rural Transportation
Commissioner Bob Buermann, Grand Isle County
Dan Currier, VTrans
Alternate Commissioner Tom Derenthal, Burlington
Clayton Clark, General Manager
Commissioner Paul Bohne, Essex
Commissioner Henry Bonges, Milton
Alternate Commissioner Alice Peal, Washington County
Alternate Commissioner Chapin Kaynor, Williston
Commissioner Chapin Spencer, Burlington
Stephanie Reid, Director of Human Resources
Commissioner Christian Meyer, Washington County
Connor Smith, Project Coordinator
Nick Foss, Director of Finance
Commissioner Tasha Wallis, Lamoille County
Commissioner Catherine Dimitruk, Franklin County
Tammy Masse, Controller
Alternate Commissioner Will Anderson, Burlington
Commissioner Andrea Suozzo, Burlington
Alternate Commissioner Kyle Grenier, Grand Isle County
Phil Carleton, Customer Service Representative
Matt Kimball, Director of Grants and Project Development
Commissioner Susan Grasso, Shelburne



Alternate Commissioner Judy Rosenstreich, Shelburne
Commissioner Michael Scanlan, South Burlington
Commissioner Amy Brewer, Williston

Open Meeting

Chair Davis opened the meeting at 7:32AM

Adjustment of the Agenda

None

Public Comment

None

Consent Agenda (Action Item)

Commissioner Dimitruk made a motion to approve the consent agenda, Commissioner Spencer seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

VTrans Update

Dan Currier gave an update on two legislative studies; one on the braided service model and the second on a non-federal funding study.

General Manager's Report

GM Clark reviewed the General Manager report.

Committee Reports

Each committee gave an update of their last monthly meeting.

Discussion: Washington County Temporary Service Reductions

GM Clark gave an update on temporary service reductions and the staffing issues that make them necessary. Commissioner Meyer provided thanks to GM Clark for the update and for attending an upcoming meeting to discuss the reductions in Barre City.

Action: Election of Officers



Commissioner Dimitruk made a motion (with thanks and appreciation) to recommend the current board leadership for another term, Commissioner Wallis seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Action: FY24 Capital Budget Adjustment

Director Kimball gave an overview of Capital budget changes. Commissioner Bohne made a motion to approve the changes to the FY24 Capital budget, Commissioner Bonges seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Action: Approve Vehicle Procurement

AGM Moore presented an update on new vehicle procurement. Commissioner Buermann made a motion to approve the procurement of new transit vehicles, Commissioner Grasso seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Action: Approve Charging Infrastructure Procurement

AGM Moore presented an update on electric charging infrastructure. Commissioner Dimitruk made a motion to approve the procurement of electric charging infrastructure, Commissioner Spencer seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Action: Approve Public Transit Agency Safety Plan

AGM Moore presented changes to the agency Safety Plan. Commissioner Meyer made a motion to approve the plan updates, Commissioner Bonges seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Discussion: Public Comment on Fares and Next Steps

GM Clark gave an update on the public comment received for the draft fare plan. GM Clark gave an overview of delays that will likely cause a delay in the resumption of fares. There was a conversation about potential start date and the opportunities to highlight the changes at Town Meeting Day. There was a request to choose a date that didn't prevent access to the polls.



Executive Session to Discuss Labor Contracts

Commissioner Dimitruk made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss labor contracts inviting in GM Clark, AGM Moore, Director Reid, and Director Foss. Commissioner Buermann seconded. All were in favor and the Board of Commissioners entered executive session at 9:19AM.

Commissioner Grasso made a motion to exit executive session, Commissioner Spencer seconded. All were in favor and the Board of Commissioner exited executive session at 9:30AM with no action taken.

Action: Authorization to Adjust Rural Operator Wages

Commissioner Meyer made a motion to adjust the rural operator wages to include the elimination of the introductory hourly wage, prorated bonus of \$625 to rural drivers who were in service as of July 1, 2023. Commissioner Dimitruk seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Commissioner Comments

None

Adjourn

Commissioner Buermann made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Spencer seconded. All were in favor and the meeting ended at 9:33AM.