



## **GMT Board Minutes**

Date: January 15, 2018  
Time: 7:30 AM  
Place: GMT Board Room  
15 Industrial Parkway  
Burlington, VT 05401

### **Present:**

Tom Chittenden, Chair, South Burlington  
Bonnie Waninger, Vice Chair, Washington County  
Paul Bohne, Treasurer, Essex  
Chapin Kaynor, Commissioner, Williston (via telephone)  
Bob Buermann, Commissioner, Grand Isle County  
John Sharrow, Commissioner, Milton  
Catherine Dimitruk, Commissioner, Franklin County  
Tasha Wallis, Commissioner, Lamoille County  
Phil Pouech, Commissioner, Hinesburg  
Chapin Spencer, Commissioner, Burlington  
Ray Coffey, Alternate Commissioner Winooski (via telephone)

Mark A. Sousa, General Manager  
Michelle Daley, Director of Finance and Grants  
Patricia Redalieu, Director of Human Resources-  
Jon Moore, Director of Transportation  
Jamie Smith, Marketing and Public Affairs Manager  
Kimberly Wall, Grants Manager  
Matt Kimball, Capital Projects Manager  
Matthew Young, HR Coordinator  
Cari Whittemore, Executive Assistant

### **Members of the Public:**

Ross MacDonald, VTrans  
Bobby Murphy, Stowe  
Mariah Noth, MRVPD  
Margo Wade, Sugarbush

**Not Present:** Secretary Barton, Commissioner Kirkland, Commissioner Miles, Commissioner Moore

### **1. Open Meeting-**

Chair Chittenden opened the meeting at 7:30 AM. A quorum of the Board was present.



## **2. Adjustment to the Agenda-**

There were no adjustments to the agenda

## **3. Public Comment -**

Bobby Murphy, Mariah Noth, and Margo Wade all expressed concern over cutting the seasonal service and the effect it would have on their communities.

7:45 am Vice Chair Waninger and Commissioner Dimitruk entered.

## **4. Consent Agenda\* -**

Commissioner Spencer made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Bohne seconded the motion. Commissioner Dimitruk amended the motion to exclude the December 2018 minutes. All were in favor and the consent agenda was approved excluding the December 2018 minutes.

Mr. Sousa stated that there would be a special finance committee meeting on January 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 am and suggested having a special board meeting on January 29, 2019 as well.

The board agreed to the two special meetings.

## **5. FY19 Budget Discussion\*-**

Mrs. Redalieu presented the cost saving measures presentation that was distributed to the Board.

There was discussion on the presentation.

Mrs. Daley and Mr. Moore presented the FY 20 budget discussion presentation that was distributed to the Board. Ms. Daley also stated that we do not have power of taxation from rural communities and presented the suggested service suspensions, to include Barre Hospital Hill and Plainfield Health Shuttle which were also part of the recommendations of the NextGen study. Mr. Moore stated a cost saving modification, whereby cutting these services GMT would not need to replace 10 vehicles.

8:04- Commissioner Coffey joined by telephone

There was discussion regarding the difficulty of hiring, training and keeping seasonal drivers.

Chair Chittenden stated that if we suspended the 10 hour rule for the remainder of FY19 we could do this to expedite these changes.

There was further discussion on the cost savings of suspending these seasonal services.

Commissioner Spencer asked if GMT could suspend the 10 hour rule or if it violated the charter.



Mr. Moore stated that he believed it had been suspended in the 90s he would look into this and report back to the Board.

Commissioner Chittenden asked if GMT could research on the charter and report back to the board.

Mr. Moore presented the fare change proposal with 2 scenarios.

There was discussion on the possible effects of a fare increase.

Commissioner Spencer asked would this effect our STIC factor.

Mr. Moore responded that GMT should continue to receive 4 out of the 6 STIC factors.

Commissioner Pouech asked when the last fare increase was.

Mr. Moore responded that the last increase was in 2005.

Commissioner Wallis would like to share some GMT analysis with the communities that would be affected by the changes.

Mrs. Daley responded that the information can be shared but wanted to confirm that Commissioner Wallis was aware that these number are estimates and should be taken as such.

Commissioner Chittenden responded that if the Board has specific questions people should send those questions to Mr. Sousa by this Friday, January 18, 2019.

Mr. Sousa stated that we need to have the FY20 budget approved by February 15, 2019 to be in compliance with GMTs charter.

#### **6. VTrans Presentation-**

Mr. McDonald presented the VTrans comparison to the board.

There was discussion on the presentation.

9:29-Chair Chittenden exited.

#### **7. Van contract Award \***

Mr. Kimball presented the ADA Conversion Van Contract award to the Board. DATCO had the winning bid which came in about \$5,000 less per vehicle and had a faster delivery time.

Commissioner Bohne made a motion to approve the contract award to DATCO for a term of one year with four one year renewal options, and issue a purchase order for an initial order of five ADA Conversions vans. Commissioner Dimitruk seconded the motion. Commissioner Sharrow abstained. All others were in favor and the motion was approved as presented.





#### **8. GM Evaluation (Executive Session)-**

Vice Chair Waninger suggested that the GM evaluation be tabled until January 29, 2019 to allow for more Commissioners to be present. All were in agreement and the GM evaluation was tabled.

Mr. Sousa stated that GMT will start working on a white sheet for Commissioners to help with responding to questions from the public, before the January 29, 2019 meeting.

#### **9. Credit Line Resolution**

Ms. Daley stated that due to the Government shut down GMT may need a line of credit. The cap for this is one million dollars. GMT would be required to pay this line of credit back before June 30, 2019 due to rules in the charter borrowing.

There was discussion on the line of credit resolution.

Commissioner Dimitruk made a motion to approve the resolution granting the line of credit with the stipulation that any use of the line of credit be reported to the Board at the next Board meeting following the borrowing. Commissioner Sharrow seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved as presented.

#### **10. Commissioner Comments and Announcements-**

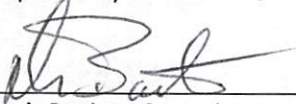
Commissioner Wallis expressed concern that the legislature would hear that GMT is a high cost provider and would like to discuss how this would be perceived.

Next GMT meeting date: January 25th, 2019 @ 7:30 am at GMT. A special Board meeting is scheduled for February 12th, 2019 @7:30 am.

#### **11. Adjourn -**

Commissioner Sharrow made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Wallis seconded the motion to adjourn. All were in favor, and the meeting adjourned at 10:18 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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Denis Barton, Secretary