Williston NextGen Meeting Minutes | Green Mountain Transit
April 1, 2019 - 5:00 PM

Williston Town Hall, Town Hall Meeting Room
7900 Williston Road, Williston, VT 05495

Staff: Jon Moore, Director of Transportation; Jamie Smith, Marketing and Public Affairs Manager; Chapin Kaynor, GMT Commissioner

Members of the Public: Four members of the public were present

The meeting opened at 5:10 PM.

Agenda
• Nextgen Overview
• Proposed FY20 Assessment Impacts
• Proposed Fare Increases
• Passenger Facing Technology
• Next Steps

Questions and Comments: Service Change Proposals
• A suggestion was made that we consider serving Williston Wood Senior Living facility.
• A question on how changes affect Tilley Drive shuttle? Mr. Moore explained that service would remain the same.
• Will parking be made available along bus lines?
• Commissioner Kaynor spoke about long-term plan for Industrial Avenue, to include paving and sidewalk infrastructure.
• A comment was made that GMT should serve Phinney Crossing with both the Williston and Williston/Essex routes. Lots of new hotels, businesses and a bike path to South Ridge community.
• A discussion was had about the Exit 12 Park and Ride, when that would be operational and if GMT would serve that location.
• A passenger made a comment on behalf of his wife, a regular 1V passenger: losing the route into Williston feels like a failure to the town. His wife is a conditioned bus rider and uses the service in all conditions, even though she has to walk quite a bit. He felt like GMT should have had a plan to transition away from the route slowly versus cutting service cold turkey.
• Commissioner Kaynor talked about the unmet needs of folks traveling from Williston to Taft Corners and Catamount Family Center.
• What is the solution if not bus service? Is there a way to add a first mile, last mile option for the village?
• Representative McCullough expressed his disappointment in losing the service, his disappointment in town management, stating that Williston is not an island; it shouldn’t be so hard to get the town to participate.
• Commissioner Kaynor spoke about ideas to have a Williston Transit Center.
• Resident who works for Dealer.com asked how GMT partners with Dealer.com and how to increase participation.

Additional ideas shared:
• GMT should look at increased bike capacity of buses
• Look into fare discount options to riders who have a SNAP card or veterans
• Reward system for riding the bus
• Signage is more places on-board versus in the front of the bus
• Fare free options

Comments regarding fare increase:
• Support was shown for increasing fares, seems like a reasonable increase

Meeting Adjourned: 6:52 PM.