

New Hampshire Transit Association (NHTA)

MINUTES

April 7, 2011

Present: Van Chesnut, Barbara Brill, Lisa Paquette, Jim Sudak, Ginny Schneider, Rad Nichols, Evan Rossett, Patrick Herlihy, Shelley Winters, Fred Roberge, Roberta Berner, Ken Hazeltine, Bev Raymond, Pat Crocker, Rebecca Harris, Jaimee Bellisimo, Bev Cray

March Meeting Minutes - Minutes approved, one abstention- Beverlyl Cray was not present at the March meeting.

- I. ***Legislative update*** - The government shutdown, if it occurs, will not have a huge effect on DOT functions. It may slow down the process of grants somewhat. If so amendments may have to be done. Nothing from Curtis at this time.

- II. ***DHHS update***- Patrick stated that regarding the SCC contract, Will Rodman is “back on the clock”. DHHS is working on Medicaid Financials and Managed Care models are being looked at. There may be further discussion on these topics at the SCC meeting at 1:30 today. Patrick gave a brief breakdown of the contract hours and how they will be used; again, this will be discussed further at SCC. Patrick has reviewed the 5310 applications and has passed them along to DOT. He is also working on BEAS transportation. Related to the SCC, Pat C. stated that they are still working on an IT system that everyone can work with. There is a meeting scheduled with MART soon.

- III. ***DOT Update***- Notice from Karen stating that the State Surplus auction will be in May. Members were urged to send in their request for titles of any vehicles they may be sending to the auction. Notice of the exact date will be forthcoming. Shelley stated that 5311 contract amendments were sent out last week. She asked that they be returned ASAP, so they can be processed through governor and council. NTD validations are due back to her Monday, April 11th. CTAA expo scholarships need to get to Karen soon for processing. CTAA is offering 40 scholarships to the Mobility Management Conference, deadline is April 15th. There will be a Tri-State Transit Conference Monday, April 11th at 1:00 in Augusta, Maine. Conference calling will be set up, anyone on the committee should have received the call in information. Harry will be sitting in and possibly Shelley. Application Status for JARC, 5311, & 5310 Purchase of Service, letters will be going out today. Providers are to expect level funding from last year, for 5311. DOT will try to email all documents to save time, a quick turnaround is requested. Review of 5310 vehicles is on the “back burner”. The 10% match should still be available.

- IV. ***Treasurers Report*** - Nothing new to report at this time.

- V. ***Old Business*** - Annual meeting update; A room at the Holiday Inn is being held at this time. A request was put forth to DOT for \$2000 for the room and caterer. Shelley stated that due to the status of the budget, it is not likely that DOT will fund this amount. DOT would like to see a “concrete” agenda and who would be attending, in order to even justify funding support from them for the event. Going to be very difficult this year. Other options for a meeting room and ways to trim budget for the meeting need to be looked at. Rad suggested a possible facility and Shelley would look into a conference room at the DOT, both at no cost. Thoughts for the agenda; as far as legislators attending, Fred asked “should we even go there” given the state of things in the legislation right now? Often in the past, very few ever attend the annual meeting. The question was asked; what is the purpose of the Annual Meeting? Vendors, Technical Program, Education, etc? One thought was some input from the SCC sub committee on the IT plan and what it might look like. It was felt that

this would not be "time ready". Other thoughts were; Bus simulator presentation, Mort Downey- former CFO of MTA, National RTAP - Procurement Pro training, or share resources, AARP speaker on Census Data. Members were asked to put some thought into an agenda for the next meeting. Barbara Brill volunteered to be the nominating committee for election of officers. There will not be any changes in the dues structure at this time.

VI. Next Meeting - May 5, 2011

VII. Meeting adjourned

Recorder: Harry Costick, Secretary