

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Southeast Vermont Transit Board of Directors
Thursday, July 23, 2015 5:00 PM
45 Mill St Wilmington, Vermont
706 Rockingham Rd, Vermont
Via Video Conferencing**

President Tom Marsh called the Board of Directors meeting to order at 5:00 pm. Those in attendance and consisting of a quorum were as follows;

Board Members Present: Mark Wallace, Don Albano, Marco Tallini, Eithne Eldred, Ted Reeves, Chip Stearns

Invited Guests: Travis Wendell

Staff Present: Randy Schoonmaker, Jan Terk, Rebecca Gagnon and Leona Linney

Public Input: None

Amend Agenda: Motion 1 Ted Reeves motioned to move Executive Session up after meeting minutes approval, and move reaffirm name change before vote for the secretary vote. Chip Stearns seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Approve previous minutes: Motion 2 Mark Wallace motion to approve the June 22nd minutes. Chip Stearns seconded. Discussion ensued. It was requested that Susie's name be spelled correctly and the correction of hooking to hooked under video conferencing. Ted also wanted the record to show that Chip Stearns was nominated and elected as board member. Motion passed with Chip Stearns abstaining.

Executive Session: Motion 3 at 5:05pm Ted Reeves motioned to go into executive session in accordance with the provisions of 1VSA § 313 (1) (B) we enter into Executive Session to consider a proposed contract under consideration. The premature public knowledge of this proposed agreement would place Connecticut River Transit at a substantial disadvantage. This motion for executive session includes the Board members present, guest, and staff. Chip Stearns seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The Board came out of executive session at 5:16 pm.

Motion 4 Ted Reeves motioned to authorized Tom Montemagni to file a lawsuit against Mark Bannon and that we sue for all of our construction costs that we incurred as a result of his errors and including all defensible cost of litigation including attorney's fees, staff time, and any experts we have to engage. Mark Wallace seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Reaffirm Name Change Motion 5 Mark Wallace motioned to authorize Marco Tallini to sign the renaming articles of incorporation sections reflecting changes in Sections 1, 5, and 6. Don seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion 6 Eithne Eldred motioned that the board reaffirms that per the Deerfield Valley Transit Association Board of Directors Annual Meeting Minutes held on Tuesday, February 24, 2015 9:00 am that all election of officers and committee appointments remain as stated – no change have nor will occur with our name change to Southeast Vermont Transit, Inc. Mark Wallace seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion 7 Mark Wallace motioned the board re-affirm that the new name of the company effective July 1, 2015 is Southeast Vermont Transit, Inc. Eithne Eldred seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Vote for Secretary: Motion 8 Mark Wallace motioned to replace Marco as Secretary with Chip. Ted Reeves seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mortgage /USDA Motion 9 Ted Reeves motioned to authorize Randy Schoonmaker to apply for a mortgage with Key Bank to finance the CRT facility. Mark Wallace seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Randy updated the Board on the Wilmington facility. The old garage was demolished and removed this week, and Hodgkins & Son will start the site work next week. The project should be finished in early September, with a possible early October grand opening date.

Randy presented dates for two two-hour Board training sessions being done by Mike Noel, a consultant hired by the state. The Board had previously scheduled one session to be at 5:00 pm Monday, November 2nd, and the Board agreed to do the second session on Thursday, November 5th at 5:00 pm.

The Medicaid financial overview will be prepared at the August after the current fiscal year is closed.

The state's consultant reported this week that the Park & Ride portion of the Town of Rockingham's earmark will cost around \$400,000, leaving around \$1.3 million for The Current's garage expansion program. Chip suggested that we schedule a meeting with Barb Donovan to re-visit the funding and local share options. Randy will set up a time.

Under Company Updates, Randy reported that in recent weeks two public transit operators voted to join the Teamsters Union.

There were no Board Comments.

Adjourn: Ted Reeves motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 pm. Eithne Eldred seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.