

Minutes of the Annual Meeting
Southeast Vermont Transit Board of Directors
January 5, 2018, 5:00pm
45 Mill St. Wilmington, Vermont
706 Rockingham Rd, Vermont
Via Video Conferencing

Secretary Chip Stearns called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm. Those in attendance and consisting of a quorum were as follows:

Board Members Present: Chip Stearns, Jonathan Meeks, Eithne Eldred, Wendy Harrison, and Matt Mann. Marco and Travis arrived after the second motion.

Members of the Public: None

Staff Present: Leona Linney, Rebecca Gagnon and Christine Fayette

Public Input: None

Election of Board Members: Motion 1 Wendy Harrison motioned to re-elect Eithne Eldred, Chip Stearns and Tom Marsh to a three year term. Eithne Eldred seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Election of Officers: Motion 2 Wendy Harrison motioned to leave the present officer in place. Eithne Eldred seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

Committee appointment and dissolutions: Motion 3 Wendy Harrison motioned to leave the committee members in place. Travis Wendell seconded. The motion passed 6-0

Annual Reports:

President:

Treasurer:

Secretary: Chip Stearns stated that with the President and Treasure not present as Secretary and signer on checks in the last year he has witnessed weekly losses relative to the opioid crisis and since we made the decision to cease Medicaid service there has been a significant drop in the warrant, presently roughly down a quarter and he believes we will drop to less than half this week. Our largest expense now is payroll and benefits when before it was Medicaid pay outs. We are heading in the right direction, but will not realize it this year. The staff we retained is still working very hard.

CEO: Randy Schoonmaker included a written report that was reviewed by the board.

The Nominating Committee: Emailed by Wendy Harrison (Wendy Harrison, Matt Mann and Jonathan Meeks) met on Jan 26 to discuss Board member terms and officers. There are three members whose terms expire 12/31/17-Eithne Eldred, Tom Marsh and Chip Sterns. Tom has indicated that he would like to resign from the Board, but is willing to stay on until a replacement has been found. Eithne and Chip would like to continue service on the Board. The Nominating Committee is reaching out to potential Board members in the eastern portion of our service area, but does not yet have a replacement for Tom. It is our request and recommendation that Tom continue to serve as President for the next month or two along with the other officers. Once we've found a replacement member, we'll make a recommendation on the slate of officers.

In the course of identifying potential members and describing the position, we discussed our meeting arrangements. We think it would be conducive to better decision-making and cohesiveness for the Board to meet in one place as much as possible. We understand the challenges of winter travel over the mountains, and so are recommending that we schedule meetings from April to October between Wilmington, Rockingham and Brattleboro, with the expectation that staff and the Board would meet face-to-face those months.

We're requesting that the Board discuss the idea of meeting in one place together in the non-winter months at the Annual Meeting. If the Board agrees with the idea, we could then discuss the schedule with potential Board members.

Bylaw Amendments: None

Other Business:

The Nominating committee would like to ask new members and existing board members to start meeting in person on a regular basis starting April thru October and rotating between Rockingham, Brattleboro and Wilmington. We could start later in the evening if that helps with travel time, and eat before the meeting so staff would not be required to make dinner. Matt Mann mentioned this would be conducive only for non-winter months. We could resume video conferencing Nov-March. Jonathan Meeks added location suggestions such as The Hospital, The Brattleboro Savings and Loan and the library in Brattleboro, all free of charge. Technology was a concern for other members to join in such as the state and increasing the foot carbon with added paper packets. Eithne liked the idea of being in the same room, and the option of a later meeting. However, later meetings in the summer may see less attendance.

The board did not vote but agreed to meet in person starting in April.

They did also agree to move the meetings start time to 5:15pm.

Adjourn: Motion 4 Wendy Harrison motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:40. Eithne Eldred seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

