

**ESTUARY TRANSIT DISTRICT
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE NEXT
ESTUARY TRANSIT DISTRICT MEETING
June 14, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Estuary Transit District Legislative Committee was called to order by Joan Gay at 10:49 a.m. at the Estuary Transit Offices, Centerbrook, Connecticut.

ROLL CALL

Those in attendance included: John Forbis, Joan Gay, and Virginia Zawoy

Staff: Joseph Comerford, Chris Denison

PLEDGE

Joan Gay led the Pledge of Allegiance.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Joe reported that the Legislature is now out of session and will resume in the fall.

Joe has been encouraged by DOT officials to get the District's new facility "earmarked" for the fall session. The Committee discussed which representative should be asked to do this.

Joe also reported that budget cuts to both rail and bus services were announced at the Transportation Round Table held last month at Clinton Town Hall.

UPDATE ON REBRANDING OF TRANSIT DISTRICTS

Joe reported that at the last MPO/COG meeting, the DOT Commissioner again proposed consolidating services throughout the State. Joe will continue to monitor the situation and will inform the District's first selectmen and representatives that the District is opposed.

UPDATE ON LUNCHEON WITH LEGISLATORS

A catered breakfast with the District's representatives will be held on July 28, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. at ETD offices.

The Committee compiled a list of topics to be discussed at the breakfast, including:

1. Rebranding of transit districts;
2. New ETD facility;

3. Rural to urban transition;
4. Shoreline Shuttle; and
5. Possible earmarks for facility capital expenditure

Joan Gay stressed the importance of having a definite action plan on each of the topics and asked the members to think about why each issue is important and how the representatives can help. She asked each member to come prepared to discuss the issues at a working session on Friday, July 8 at 10:00 a.m. at ETD offices.

DISCUSSION OF ITEMS FOR JUNE 17, 2016 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Rebranding will be discussed.

Joan will update the Board on the Breakfast.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christina Denison
Administrative Secretary

Joan Gay
Chairman