

**ESTUARY TRANSIT DISTRICT
TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

March 28, 2016

**THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE NEXT
ESTUARY TRANSIT DISTRICT MEETING**

The Estuary Transit District Transit Advisory Committee held a meeting on March 28, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. at the Old Lyme Town Hall, Old Lyme, Connecticut.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman John Forbis called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Committee members in attendance included: John Forbis, Courtney Burks, Westbrook Senior Center, Amy Mullen, VISTA Innovations, Judy Potter, Mary Seidner, Lymes' Youth Service Bureau

ETD Staff: Joe Comerford, Jamie Bohli and Christina Denison

Absent: Jean Mathon and Peter Mezzetti

PLEDGE

John Forbis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROUTE 81 UPDATE AND DETAILED SUGGESTIONS FOR INTRODUCTORY PROMOTION
MARKETING SUGGESTIONS**

Joe reported that the Route 81 project, connecting Clinton to Middletown, has been fully funded. A start date is yet to be determined.

John Forbis asked for suggestions on how to promote the new route.

- Courtney Burks stressed the importance of getting information to local schools and local Social Service Directors.
- Mary Seidner recommended promoting the route at local libraries as many people use the library when job hunting. Mary also suggested having a librarian on the Committee.
- Ms. Seidner also recommended that someone from the District contact the Shoreline Basic Needs Task Force about becoming a member. It was also suggested that the District attend CT Works Job Fairs.

- Jamie Bohli reported that she has been in contact with the new property manager at Clinton Crossing who has agreed to allow a bus stop sign, and possibly a shelter, on the property.
- Mary Seidner suggested placing an insert in the paystubs of Clinton Crossing employees.

SUMMARY OF TRAVEL TRAINING EXPERIENCE, ADDITIONAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Joe reported that the mobility management program and travel training programs continue to grow. The travel trainer now shares space in District offices.

- Jamie Bohli reported that together with the Kennedy Center and the Mobility Manager, the District has sponsored several outreach programs, including a bicycle rack program in Madison.
- The programs have been videotaped and will be posted on the District’s website. More programs are planned.

The Committee briefly discussed the pros and cons of an “App.”

COMMENTS

Courtney Burks reported that individuals 16 years of age or older can obtain free medical transportation to the Yale Medical Center in New Haven through the Community Center. Joe will inform the mobility manager for the area of this service and any gaps in service as they are reported.

Joe reported that the mobility manager is applying for taxi vouchers to be used in the area.

Amy Mullen reported that construction of VISTA’S new housing project continues. Joe reported that DOT has approved bus stops and crosswalks at Chapman Beach. The District is seeking funding for shelters at the same location.

DISCUSSION OF ITEMS FOR APRIL 15, 2016 BOARD MEETING

None

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christina Denison
Administrative Secretary

John Forbis
Chairman