

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

**October 12, 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 October 12, 2016 at the Westbrook Town Hall, South Conference Room, Westbrook, Connecticut.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman John Forbis called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Committee members in attendance included: John Forbis, Courtney Burks, Westbrook Senior Center and Amy Mullen, VISTA Life Innovations

ETD Staff: Jamie Bohli and Christina Denison

Guest: Valerie Goncalves, Regional Mobility Planner, Kennedy Center

Absent: Joseph Comerford, Jean Mathon, Peter Mezzetti, Judy Potter and Mary Seidner, Lymes' Youth Service Bureau

**PLEDGE**

John Forbis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**FARE INCREASES**

A copy of the proposed fare increases was distributed at the meeting.

Valerie Goncalves suggested changing "Town Rate" to "Municipality Rate" to avoid confusion.

Jamie reported that the proposed fare increases are to keep consistent with CT Transit rates. The proposed fares still need Board and DOT approval. If the new rates are not approved, services will be cut. The projected effective date is January 2017.

Jamie noted that an ADA paratransit fare and a disabled fare are also being proposed.

Amy Mullen reported that VISTA students are advocating for the disability card rate and have been emailing Joe with letters of support. Jamie noted that comments will be accepted until Friday, October 14.

Jamie noted that a rider must have either a Medicare card or a reduced fare yellow card to qualify for the disability rate.

Valerie Goncalves reported that the ADA applications require approval from a doctor or a Kennedy Center representative. A sample of the application was distributed at the meeting.

Jamie will be working with Mary Rosenbauer to train staff members and to get riders ADA certified.

The Committee discussed ways to inform the public about the new fares. Valerie will include the topic in her presentations. Jamie reported that once the fares are approved notices will be placed on all buses; information will also be made available on the District's website and in the new schedules due out at the end of the year. John Forbis suggested a presentation to the First Selectmen at a RIVERCOG meeting.

#### **SERVICE UPDATES**

Jamie reviewed several new projects that are currently underway, including the implementation of Google Transit, a trip planning service and monthly passes for MXCC students.

#### **DISCUSSION OF ITEMS FOR THE OCTOBER 21, 2016 BOARD MEETING**

None

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**On a motion made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 10:32 a.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Christina Denison  
Administrative Secretary

John Forbis  
Chairman