

Martha's Vineyard Regional High School Transportation Sub-Committee Meeting
Thursday, July 7, 2022, 8:30 AM
Zoom

Present: Chair – Kimberly Kirk, Kathryn Shertzer, Michael Watts
Others/Staff: Murphy, Lamere & Murphy, PC/School District Counsel – Nancy Campany,
Director of Market Development//Highland Electric Fleets – Amy McGuire,
Regional Business Manager/Highland Electric Fleets – Jason Raposa,
Finance Director – Suzanne Cioffi, Transportation Director – Marc Rivers,
Transportation Assistant – Chyenne Ward
Supt.'s Office: Superintendent – Richie Smith, School Business Administrator – Mark Friedman
Recorder: Teresa Kruszewski *Late arrivals or early departures of Sub-Committee members (see * in text)

Call to Order: (Agenda Item #I)

The meeting of the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School (MVRHS) Transportation Sub-Committee was called to order by Chair Kimberly Kirk at 8:32 AM on Thursday, July 7, 2022. Participation was available remotely by Zoom. To preserve bandwidth, it was suggested that participants join via the Zoom audio and reserve video links for Committee members and administration; the meeting was recorded.

(Recorder's Note: Discussions are summarized and grouped for clarity and brevity).

Approval of Minutes: (Agenda Item #II)

Tabled.

Bus Fleet and Depot Options: (Agenda Item #III)

Tabled.

Update on EPA Grant: (Agenda Item #IV)

Mark Friedman said after meeting with Murphy, Lamere & Murphy, PC/School District Counsel Peter Summers, there were legal concerns of how the District should approach a partnership with an outside company, and should be addressed before submitting the application. Amy McGuire clarified that the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) did not require a contract to be in place for this grant application. Nancy Campany said it would not be a problem to work with Highland Electric Fleets for the application process, as long as there was not an agreement to pay them a sum for this help.

Ms. McGuire said awards would be announced in October 2022; two years after the award, the vehicles would need to be in service. The Up Island Regional School District was considered a Priority District; she reviewed possible scenarios of how this would impact the application process. *(Please see document on file for details: Minutes Transportation Sub-Committee June 23.pdf, EPA Grant Discussion: (Agenda Item #V), pg 2)*

Members discussed the many moving parts; they wanted to have comfort that a solid plan would be in place including a facilities plan for a new depot for the full fleet, as this process moved forward.

MICHAEL WATTS MOVED TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY GRANT APPLICATION FOR 15 BUSES WITH THE SUPPORT OF HIGHLAND ELECTRIC FLEETS, KATHRYN SHERTZER SECONDED.

Chair Kirk asked for a friendly amendment to the motion as follows: *THERE WOULD BE A JOINT REPORT OUT AS TO THE STATUS OF THE APPLICATION PROCESS ON A REGULAR BASIS.* Mr. Watts and Ms. Shertzer accepted the amendment.

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Old New Business: (Agenda Item #V)

None.

Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair: (Agenda Item #VI)

None.

Adjournment: (Agenda Item #VII)

KATHRYN SHERTZER MOVED TO ADJOURN THE TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING AT 9:33 AM; MICHAEL WATTS SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. KIRK—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.

Meetings/Events:

- Transportation Sub-Committee Meeting: July 28, 2022 at 9:30 AM.

Documents on File:

- 1) 7.7.22 Transportation Sub Committee Agenda.pdf
- 2) participants_85364605290 (6).csv

Respectfully submitted,



Teresa Kruszewski – Recorder

OCTOBER 27, 2022

Date

Kimberly Kirk – Transportation Chair

Date

Richie Smith – MVRHSD Superintendent

Date

APPROVED OCTOBER 27, 2022