

Martha's Vineyard Regional High School Transportation Sub-Committee Meeting
Thursday, September 15, 2022, 5:30 PM
Zoom

Present: Chair – Kimberly Kirk, Roxanne Ackerman, Robert Lionette, Kathryn Shertzer, Michael Watts
Others/Staff: Transportation Consultant – Richard Labrie, Electric Vehicle Researcher – Irene Oliver
Climate Advisory Committee Chair, West Tisbury – Kate Warner, Coordinator of Pathways and
Special Projects – Samuel Hart, Finance Director – Suzanne Cioffi, Transportation Director –
Marc Rivers, Transportation Assistant – Chyenne Ward, Facilities Director – Mike Taus
Supt.'s Office: Superintendent – Richie Smith, School Business Administrator – Mark Friedman
Towns/County: Tisbury – Allan Rogers
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 5:37 PM on Thursday, September 15, 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)

MICHAEL WATTS MOVED TO APPROVE THE MAY 19, 2022, MAY 27, 2022, JUNE 3, 2022, JUNE 23, 2022, TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES AS WRITTEN; KIMBERLY KIRK SECONDED; MOTION PASSED WITH ABSTENTIONS AS ABSENT.

Review Status of Consultant Work: (Agenda Item #III)

Richard Labrie said his recommendations were based on the premise that the District was moving forward with electrification of the fleet; he reviewed the current routes and mileage and matched that to the electric recommendations/usage.

Phase I reviewed the fleet vehicle status and which would/could fulfill grant requirements. Phase II included efficiency studies of the operation of the current fleet; recommendations could include re-configuring routes and schedules of operation; over the next week he would meet with Marc Rivers.

Mr. Labrie discussed with Mark Friedman the potential infrastructure costs for Eversource to bring power into the parking lot; he had concerns this would not be covered by grants; rebate programs would be reviewed.

Mike Taus would send the electrical quote of \$11,500.00 from August 2, 2022 to Mr. Labrie as he was not aware this step had been taken; Mr. Labrie wanted to compare the power recommendations with his findings; Mr. Taus said nothing had been done to date. Chair Kirk recommended finding a solution as winter would soon be upon us; short and long term solutions were discussed and the potential costs.

THE COMMITTEE WAS IN AGREEMENT TO RECOMMEND TO THE MVRHS SC AT THE OCTOBER MEETING, THE APPROVAL OF THE EVERSOURCE EXPENDITURE OF UP TO \$15,000.00; ROBERT LIONETTE WOULD ADD THIS AS AN AGENDA ITEM.

Discussion of EPA Grant and Status: (Agenda Item #IV)

Mr. Labrie indicated award information would come over the next few weeks.

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Purchase and Surplussing of Vans: (Agenda Item #V)

Mr. Friedman said a cargo van that was intended for food transportation was no longer needed by the District.

KATHRYN SHERTZER MOVED TO APPROVE SURPLUSING THE 2010 FORD CARGO VAN;

MICHAEL WATTS SECONDED; MOTION PASSED: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.

MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. KIRK—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.

Driver Coverage: (Agenda Item #VI)

Mr. Rivers reviewed the dire condition/lack of drivers; at this time there were very few people in the pipeline applying for these positions. He detailed the amount of time off requests received and how they impacted the routes, especially in October. He anticipated notifying principals there would be delays of 25 - 40 minutes.

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

Chair Kirk would add to the next agenda the discussion of process and policy for third party/charter requests.

Adjournment: (Agenda Item #VIII)

MICHAEL WATTS MOVED TO ADJOURN THE TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING AT

6:32 PM; KATHRYN SHERTZER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.

MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. KIRK—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.

Meetings/Events:

- Members agreed the meeting schedule going forward, would be the second Thursday of the month at 5:30 PM

Documents on File:

- 1) 9.15.22 Transportation Sub Committee Agenda.docx
- 2) DRAFT Minutes Transportation Sub-Committee May 19.pdf
- 3) DRAFT Minutes Joint Transportation _ Facilities Sub-Committee May 27.pdf
- 4) DRAFT Minutes Transportation Sub-Committee June 3.pdf
- 5) DRAFT Minutes Transportation Sub-Committee June 23.pdf
- 6) participants_85364605290 (9).csv

Respectfully submitted,



Teresa Kruszewski – Recorder

OCTOBER 27, 2022

Date

Kimberly Kirk – Transportation Chair

Date

Richie Smith – MVRHSD Superintendent

Date

APPROVED OCTOBER 27, 2022