

Westport Citizen Transit Committee

Meeting Notes – Aug. 14, 2012

Attendees: Melissa Salottolo, Jim Ross, Carolin Sigal, Peter Gold, Carl Lindhal, members of Board of Finance and Gene and Jennifer (both appointed to be Westport Transit District Directors)

Meeting Notes:

- Janis/Jon from Board of Finance provided background on BOF April meetings with Norwalk Transit District, particularly focused on the Westport Door to Door service
- 236 residents using ADA D2D, 92 of them are town to town transit
- Per trip cost for town is \$28
- Town also offers 8 other services for transportation – town operates two buses daily from 7 am to 5 pm
- Frequent use by residents of Canal Park and Senior Center
- According to 2010 census, Westport has 1,776 disabled households
- Westport is facing an increasing aging population which should increase demand in the coming years for this service
- Can do more to promote the service in the town – for example, Senior Center does a town mailing 2x to all registered voters over 62 years. Next one to be sent in December 2012 (already has gone to print) – but could be a potential opportunity to promote service in 2013.

Upcoming Meetings:

- SWERPA representative to meet with WCTC on Aug. 21.
- Marketing brainstorm to be held on Tuesday, Sept. 4.

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