

Westport Transit District Directors' Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 17, 2014 at 10:30 AM – Westport Town Hall – Room 309

Attending

Westport Transit District Directors:

Eugene Cederbaum

Jennifer Johnson

Town of Westport:

Jim Marpe, First Selectman

Dewey Loselle, Operations Director

Cathy Talmadge, Chair, RTM Transit Committee

Peter Gold, RTM Transit Committee

James Ross, Chair, Citizens' Transit Committee

Norwalk Transit District:

Louis Schulman, Administrator

Nancy Carroll, Chief Operating Officer

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 AM.

A motion to recess the Public Meeting and move into Executive Session to discuss strategies for responding to a pending claim made by the Federal Transit Administration concerning after school shuttle routes was made by Mr. Cederbaum and seconded by Ms. Johnson.

The motion passed unanimously at 10:40 AM.

Present during Executive Session were Westport Transit District Directors Cederbaum and Johnson. Also present were Westport Town Officials Marpe, Loselle, Talmadge and Ross; and, Norwalk Transit District staff Schulman and Carroll.

The Public Meeting resumed at 11:20 AM.

After-School Shuttles

Alternative solutions for providing after school shuttle service were discussed. Mr. Cederbaum stated conversations with Dattco/BOE were worth pursuing. Ms. Johnson expressed concern with the FTA decision and said she would contact the BOE transportation director.

It was requested that the Norwalk Transit District staff prepare talking points for First Selectman Marpe for conversations with Congressman Himes and DOT Commissioner Redeker.

Status of the SWRPA Westport Bus Study

Since the Directors had been unsuccessful in several attempts to obtain the most recent draft of the bus study report from SWRPA; Mr. Cederbaum had made a request under the Freedom of Information Act for the report and other documents. The request was subsequently withdrawn at the request of the First Selectman. Less formal attempts to obtain the report continue.

G1/G2 Route Adjustment

Ms. Johnson reported on the meeting she had with Mrs. Carroll on July 16th regarding the route structure and some alternatives they discussed. Further development of the concepts must be done before any action can be taken. Progress will be reported on at future meetings.

On a motion made by Ms. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Cederbaum the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy R. Carroll, Chief Operating Officer
Norwalk Transit District