



Greater New Haven Transit District

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES August 26, 2020 – 9:00am

GNHTD, 1014 Sherman Avenue, Hamden, CT

Executive Committee:

Mary Bigelow (Chair), Doug Hausladen (Vice-chair), Lee Grannis (Treasurer), Dan Kops, Ryan Knox (via teleconference), and Dagmar Ridgway (via teleconference)

Guests:

Niclas A. Ferland, Barclay Damon, LLP – Counsel to GNHTD

GNHTD Staff:

Mario Marrero, Interim Executive Director (Only present for M7/RRP Project discussion)

Call to Order: As a quorum was present, Chairman Mary Bigelow called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Search Committee

Although GNHTD Bylaws do not require an outside search to fill the Executive Director position, after discussion and upon a motion by made Dagmar Ridgway and seconded by Doug Hausladen, the following resolution was unanimously approved by the Executive Committee:

RESOLVED: a Search Committee shall be formed, consisting of the members of the Executing Committee, with Mr. Hausladen to serve as liaison with the GNHTD HR staff during the search for a new Executive Director. The search for a new Executive Director shall include both outside candidates and current GNHTD employees.

Letters to be sent to the Attorney General, Department of Transportation and a State Legislator (to be determined later)

Following extensive discussion regarding the substance of letters to be sent to (i) the Attorney General, (ii) a state legislator (TBD) regarding research to be performed by the Office of Legislative Research, (iii) and to DOT regarding communications issues and consideration of exercising rights with respect to the fixed route system, a motion by Doug Hausladen and seconded by Dan Kops, the following resolution was unanimously approved by the Executive Committee:

RESOLVED: Counsel shall modify and/or prepare draft letters in accordance with the discussion at the meeting and circulate same for comment and finalization by the Executive Committee. The letters shall not be sent prior to September 10, 2020.

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GNHTD is a government agency established in 1973 under the provision of Connecticut Public Act 261, Chapter 103(a) for the purpose of operating and providing a variety of transportation programs and services

Building Project – informational discussion only

- Board members to notify member municipalities as to issues with DOT regarding site selection for the new Transit Facility
- To be discussed at COG meeting today
- Site selection is not the central issue – rather it is the process that has been the problem

M7/RRP Project

Acting Executive Director Mario Marrero presented to the board

Routematch (current ride software used by GNHTD) has been purchased by Uber

- GNHTD Renewed contract with Routematch at end of 2019 for another 3 years
- GNHTD has spent over \$1mm on software
- Concern raised as to possible changes to Routematch software by Uber
- Routematch currently used for dial-a-ride and paratransit

Would like to consider working with M7 to handle the RRP trips

GNHTD is beginning to work with M7 via FTA Sandbox grant

Issues were raised and discussion ensued as to M7 and Uber

- How to ensure the drivers are being paid a living wage (required under state funding and possibly by FTA)
- May be possible under FTA “sandbox” funding project
- Matter tabled pending further investigation

There being no further business brought before the Board, it was unanimously voted at 10:30 a.m. to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted

Mary E. Bigelow
Chairman