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Minutes of the Meeting of March 27, 2013. The meeting took place in the Community Room of the Nantucket Police Station, 4 Fairgrounds Road, Nantucket, MA 02554. Members of the Board present were: Patricia Roggeveen, Robert DeCosta, Rick Atherton, Bruce Miller and Jeanette Topham. Chairman Roggeveen opened the meeting at 6:01 p.m.

Public Comment. There were no comments from the public.

Approval of Minutes of the June 13, 2012 Meeting. The minutes of the July 25, 2013 meeting were approved by unanimous consent of the Board.

Employee Recognition – Richard Austin. Paula Leary, NRTA Administrator took the opportunity to recognize and thank Richard “Rick” Austin for his years of service. Rick was “an original” driver for the NRTA’s elderly and disabled van service and recently retired on February 15th after nearly 12 years of service with the NRTA. Rick was an exemplary driver, committed to service and dedicated to the clients he served and he is missed. The Board asked Ms. Leary to send a letter to Mr. Austin.

2012 Season Update. Ms. Leary provided the Board with the following information for the 2012 season: There were 141 days of operation, 206,846.5 revenue miles, and 16,143.5 revenue hours. Passenger boardings increased 2% totaling 268,670 passenger boardings, compared to 262,239 in 2011 which was a 5% increase over the 2010 season. The Miacomet Loop had the most utilization with 62,881 passenger boardings, compared to 60,010 in 2011, followed by the Mid Island Loop with 53,068 passenger boardings, compared to 54,365 in 2011. The Mid Island and Miacomet Loops comprised 43% of total passenger boardings. The season average daily ridership was 1,905. July’s passenger boardings were 93,104 with an average daily ridership of 3,003 and August’s passenger boardings were 92,994 with an average daily ridership of 3,000. 3,372 short term and long term passes were sold. The MCD pass sales are included in the commuter pass total of 749 and were used 33,622 times. Ms. Roggeveen suggested a survey be conducted. Ms. Leary said that a survey was done last year and will get the Board the results.



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Legislative/MassDOT Update – Transportation Funding. Ms. Leary provided the Board with a transportation funding update. The Regional Transit Authorities (RTA's) have worked with the Department of Transportation since September to develop a statewide transportation plan and determine what new services are needed for each RTA and the cost of those services would be. MassDOT filed the transportation budget in January and recommended \$146 million in state assistance to the RTA's with a 21/2% increase each year. Current state funding for the RTA's is \$62 million with an additional \$84 million being proposed. The NRTA's state funding for FY14 is expected to be \$394,651 and with the increase could be \$ 799,895. The "new money" distribution would be based on a ridership developed by MassDOT that includes the RTA's being split into 3 groupings based on type of RTA with minimum percentages of new funding that would be guaranteed for each grouping and then distributed based on ridership share within the grouping. The new service would be reviewed after three (3) years with service standards which are currently being developed. The NRTA's 10 year service plan includes restoration of service, Sunday and additional weekday van service, extended season and hours of service, demand response service, service to Cisco and Tom Nevers, employee park and ride lot, ferry service and year round service. While some of these services can be provided without additional equipment other services would require capital funding. The Governor's budget included \$1.9 billion in new spending and includes \$269 million in transportation funding and would eliminate the MBTA's structural operating deficit, provide modest MBTA service enhancements, discontinue the decades old practice of using bonds to pay for MassDOT personnel and other operating costs, sustainably fund RTA's by ending the practice of arrears funding; and additional money for Chapter 90 local road and bridge funding. Revenue proposals including an increase in the income tax rate while lowering the sales tax, and eliminating 44 deductions. The Governor's budget has met with some resistance from the Legislature, as a result House Speaker DeLeo has proposed the House will separate transportation and look at this as a separate issue from the full state budget with three (3) priorities: MBTA debt, take highway employees off bonds and funding RTA services. This is expected to be taken up in early April. It will then go to the Senate then to conference. Mr. Miller asked



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what the list of priorities were. Ms. Leary stated the following were included in the NRTA's ten (10) year plan The NRTA's 10 year service plan includes restoration of service, Sunday and additional weekday van service, extended season and hours of service, demand response service, service to Cisco and Tom Nevers, employee park and ride lot, ferry service and year round service. While some of these services can be provided without additional equipment other services would require capital funding.

Approval of FY14 Administrator's Salary. Ms. Leary requested a 1.5% salary increase from \$82,510.11 to \$83,747.76. Mr. Miller moved approval; seconded by Mr. Atherton. So voted.

Approval of FY14 Budget. Ms. Leary presented the FY14 operating budget. The total FY14 operating budget is \$1,656,184, operating revenues are \$915,001, the net cost of service is \$741,183, SCA is \$394,651 and the local assessment is \$346,532. The FY14 Budget reflects an increase in Federal 5311 Funding provided by MassDOT and state contract assistance amount provided by MassDOT. The FY14 budget reflects the 2013 season fixed route service as presented. It is important to note this amount does not include any new funding that may become available from the approved FY14 State budget. Mr. Miller asked if the finance committee reviews the NRTA budget. Ms. Leary responded that the NRTA is not part of the town so the finance committee does not review the NRTA's budget. Mr. Atherton moved approval of the FY14 budget; seconded by Mr. Miller. So voted.

Approval of 2013 Fixed Route Service. Ms. Leary presented the following levels of service for 2013, which is consistent with previous years of service: Mid-Island Loop, Miacomet Loop, and Sconset via Old South Road Route will operate May 20th through October 14th, from 7:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.; the Madaket Route will operate May 24th through September 8th, from 7:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.; the Sconset via Milestone Road Route will operate June 24th through September 2nd from 7:15 a.m. to 7:15 p.m.; the Surfside Beach Route, Jetties Beach Route, and Airport Route will operate June 24th through September 2nd from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; and the Sconset via Old Polpis Road Route will operate June 29th through September 2nd from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Mr. DeCosta moved approval of the 2013 Fixed Route Service, seconded by Mr. Atherton. So voted.



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Other Business: There was no other business.

Mr. DeCosta moved adjournment of the NRTA Advisory Board; seconded by Mr. Miller. The meeting unanimously adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Approved: June 12, 2013.

