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Minutes of the Meeting of July 25, 2012. 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, and Bruce Miller. Jeanette Topham was absent. Chairman Roggeveen opened the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

Prior to the start of the NRTA Advisory Board meeting there was a moment of silence to reflect on the passing of board member Whitey Willauer. Board members shared their thoughts on Mr. Willauer.

Public Comment. There were no comments from the public.

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

Announcements: Nu Ride Program, Google Transit, and On-Line Survey. Paula Leary, NRTA Administrator announced a new partnership with MassDOT and NuRide that offers riders rewards for choosing healthier, greener transportation options from riding the Wave, biking, walking even telecommuting points are accumulated and then redeemed from sponsors, sign up through a link from nrtawave.com or nuride.com. The NRTA is now on Google Transit. The NRTA and Remain Nantucket are conducting survey's about rider impressions and experiences while riding the Wave. The marketing consultant will be on island riding the buses and conducting the surveys or the survey can be taken on-line at nrtawave.com. Those that complete the survey have a chance to win either a flat screen television or Kindle Fire.

RTA Funding Update. Ms. Leary informed the Board that the Legislature approved new funding for the Regional Transit Authorities in the FY13 State Budget. Discussions at the legislative level began on how to fund the MBTA's budget deficit, when the vehicle inspection fund was identified, Legislators recognized money generated into this fund was from across the state and strongly felt it should be used to fund transportation across the state and not just the MBTA. Although the increase to the NRTA from \$372,634 to \$416,669 is not significant, an increase to the state line item for the RTA's is and the beginning of



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discussions on funding transportation throughout the Commonwealth. Ms. Leary stated Senator Wolf and Representative Madden supported the legislation and continue to support the NRTA.

2012 Season Update. Ms. Leary informed the Board the 2012 season is busy with an average daily ridership of 1,760 compared to the 2011 average daily ridership of 1,622 through July 18th, passenger boardings through July 18, 2012 is 103,858 compared to 103,780 passenger boardings for the same period in 2011, with 827.5 fewer hours of service this season. On July 4th a record high 4,983 passengers used the Wave. Ms. Miller asked how there were fewer service hours. Ms. Leary responded the season started later and frequency was added later this year due to a \$60,000 funding cut in federal operating money.

Approval of FFY13 and FFY14 DBE Goal. Ms. Leary stated that although the public has until July 30th to provide written comment on the 4% DBE goal she requested the Board approve the FFY13 and FFY14 DBE goal of 4% and should any comments come in before the deadline those would be brought before the Board at the August 8, 2012 meeting. At this time no comments have been received and the goal is to be submitted to FTA by August 1st. Mr. Miller asked what DBE was. Ms. Leary stated DBE stood for Disadvantaged Business Enterprise and through contracting opportunities DBE's are afforded the opportunity to participate. Although there are not many DBE's in the transportation field the NRTA has utilized DBE's for uniforms, printing and purchase of benches. Mr. Miller asked if this goal was high? Ms. Leary commented that it wasn't necessarily high compared to larger properties but was reasonable considering the methodology for the area. The Martha's Vineyard Regional Transit Authority also has a 4% goal. Mr. Atherton moved to approve the NRTA's 4% DBE goal for FFY13 and FFY14 and if any comments are received those will be brought before the Board at the August 8th meeting; seconded by Mr. DeCosta. So voted.

Other Business: There was no other business.

The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

Approved: March 27, 2013.

