

Alternative Transportation Ad Hoc Committee
Minutes of Meeting – 03/19/19 - 6pm
Underhill Town Offices

Present: Kurt Johnson (chair), Sara Lourie (secretary), Sue Cromwell, Michael Oman, Monica Donlevy

Open Meeting/Adjustments/Public Comment

New Members

- Monica Donlevy is interested in becoming part of the committee and has a background in Marketing
- Kurt's wife Donna would also like to become a member

CATMA Membership

- Not yet finalized
- Discussed differences between ETC (associate membership, no cost, no votes) and full membership (cost, voting rights) and decided that for now we are looking at ETC or similar
- Michael said that the last meeting was very useful for networking and learning more about other programs e.g. NuRide, Neighbor Rides, Local Motion (2 meetings/year in spring and fall)
- VTRANS are starting to funnel activities to us – we are becoming a known entity
- He hopes that someone from each of the other Towns will come next time - ***Kurt** to speak to SBs
- ***Michael** to talk with Sandy Thibault some more

Cambridge Town Meeting

- Sara posted info on FPF and also stood up to speak at Town Meeting, as did Monica and Chapin Kaynor (ex chair of GMT Board)
- Funding for FY20 passed in its entirety by a decent majority (although a vocal minority said 'no')
- ***Kurt** to ask George Putnam / SB about getting it off a floor vote and into the General Town Budget, he will get on agenda for SB meeting in next month or so - hopefully ***Sara**, ***Monica** and ***Jen** will attend

GMT

Midday Service / Van Subcommittee

- both these goals should come under one subcommittee
- Members: ***Michael (Chair), Sue, Kurt**
- need to be very clear what it is we want first, before figuring out logistics (e.g. by GMT, or a van etc)
- best to work on both GMT and Van-Plan simultaneously – van for short/medium term, and GMT for longer term; van would additionally give us more flexibility for 'first-mile, last-mile' etc, but will take a lot more of our resources
- questions for GMT: if GMT could provide a midday bus for \$4,000 per community, how much would it cost if it's only 2 days a week? [note this number depends on having the same level of other support as has been available so far (i.e. 80:20 match)]; what would the *criteria* that GMT would need to be fulfilled in order to run a midday service? ***Michael** to ask GMT when he talks with them
- ***Michael** to send out 'homework' to Subcommittee members before we meet with specific questions/plans for each member to work on ahead of time

Marketing/General Promotion

- ***Monica** has a background in Marketing and will likely be very helpful here
- discussion about UVM and Medical Center – UVM offers free passes, and pay for parking, Medical Center has free parking, and pay for bus (will only pay for bus, if someone gives up their parking place); unlikely that we can influence the hospital (that's what CATMA should do)
- also discussed the fact the bus services more than our 3 communities – lots of people get on at Essex Outlets, some drive to Jeffersonville from Eden etc
- we don't have the resources to reach out to other communities yet

Local Pass Sales

- Cambridge – we now have ‘yes’ from: Cambridge Village Market, Hanleys, Library, Town Offices
- ***Michael** to get details

Infrastructure Subcommittee

- to include work on bus stops, park and ride, relocation of Underhill Flats stop
- members will be: ***Kurt (Chair), Jen**

Van Service Subcommittee

- combined with Midday Bus Committee above

Rural Transportation Conference

- Lamoille County ‘Transportation Solutions Discussion’, 10 April, 1-2.30pm, River Arts, Morrisville - ***Kurt** plans to attend
- Chittenden County, invitations will come out soon, 1 or 2 May
- VTRANS are talking about making us poster children 😊

Meeting Adjourned: 7:20pm