

**Carroll County Transit Project (CCTP)
Transportation Advisory Council Meeting
March 2, 2010**

In Attendance:

Michael Lancor, Moultonborough	David Roy, DHHS
Brenda Gagne, No. Country Transit	Ed Labonville, CAP Board
Deb McClave	Shirley Bentley, Caregivers
Howard Cunningham, Sandwich	Cimbria Badenhausen, Tamworth
Shelly Winters, NH DOT	Patrick Herlihy, DHHS
Bert Astles, Northern Human Services	Carter Terenzini, Moultonborough
Barbara Anderson, Madison	Jack Rose, Albany
Dave Senecal, Wolfeboro	Dorothy Solomon, Albany
Benny Jesseman, Carroll County RSVP	Donna Sargent, Ossipee
Ted Laliberte, Project Coordinator	Bev Raymond, TCCAP Transportation

The meeting was called to order by Dave Senecal in the Sununu Room at the Tri-County CAP Resource Center in Tamworth, NH.

Review of the Minutes: A motion was made by Jack Rose, seconded by Benny Jesseman, to accept the minutes of the February 2, 2010 meeting as amended. The motion was approved unanimously.

Systems Update: Ted Laliberte reported the following:

- Ted will attend the Madison Town Meeting and the Conway Deliberative Session (petitioned warrant article).
- We could not get enough signatures on petitioned warrant articles in Tamworth and Tuftonboro.
- Ted did not concentrate on outlying towns that will not benefit to any great degree from the system.
- Ted has been visiting numerous stops to confirm locations and finalize agreements.
- Travel trainers have conducted several meetings including one organized by Northern Human Services in Wolfeboro.
- A poster and brochure draft were passed around by Ted. Contact Ted if you would like copies of either.

Vehicle Arrival Update: Shelley Winters from NH DOT provided the following information:

- We do not have a confirmed arrival date or confirmed colors for buses.
- Discussion took place regarding the number of designated stops on the three fixed routes.
- We have two options:
 - a) fixed stops along routes with a minimum # of stops from A to Z.
 - b) Demand-Response System where buses must go up to one-quarter mile off the main designated routes.
- The CCTP fits under b) above. For example, Route 1 goes from W. Ossipee (McDonalds) to No. Conway (Memorial Hospital). Even though we have identified fourteen potential stops along this route, we can only designate one to three as "official" stops. Riders will be instructed to call 24 hours in advance indicating the location at which they want to be picked up. We can use one indicator(*) for designated stops and include other locations for potential stops (•). If you want to be picked up at any of the non-designated stops, then you must call 24 hours in advance to be certain you will be picked up.

- Shelley Winters indicated that the Laconia public transportation system is in trouble due to low ridership.
- Carter Terenzini suggested that Bev Raymond contact by letter DOT and the Laconia system management to offer our support to keep the Laconia system up and running.

DHHS and SCC Updates: Patrick Herlihy reported the following:

- Assistance is available from DHHS as needed.
- Senate Bill 321 would officially approve the regional coordination of public routes throughout NH.

Volunteer Driver Program Update: Bev and Benny have eleven trained volunteer drivers who will be coordinated by Carroll County RSVP.

Discussion on Demand and Response Service Areas: Bev reported that if the Conway voters do not approve the potential warrant article, then we could consider eliminating the demand-response route covering Conway. There was consensus for us to maintain this planned route even if Conway voters do not approve the warrant article. There was substantial concern regarding making changes to routes that have been disseminated throughout the county.

RFP: Carter Terenzini summarized results of the RFP reviews conducted by Carter, Beverly Raymond and Brenda Gagne. Carter Terenzini made a motion, seconded by Jack Rose, to notify White Mountain Transit that their bid has been rejected and that Carroll County Transit Project will notify DOT of our decision to inform White Mountain Transit in writing that there is an appeals process. The motion was unanimously approved.

In conclusion, it was the overall consensus of the reviewing committee that the proposal must be rejected. They recommend that it would be in the best interest to self-operate the system and provide the entire service as proposed in the scope of service for the budgeted amount rather than to make adjustments and cuts to the system to meet the funding amount to contract.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Lancor, Moultonborough