

Carroll County Transit
Advisory Committee Meeting
April 6, 2010

Members Present:

Patrick Herlihy, DHHS	Donna Sargent, Ossipee Senior Center
David Roy, DHHS	Benny Jesseman, RSVP
Dorothy Soloman, Carroll County Commissioner	Ted Laliberte, CCT System Manager
Jack Rose, Albany	Beverly Raymond, TCCAP Transit Dir.
Brenda Gagne, NCT	Howard Cunningham, Sandwich
Bert Astles, Northern Human Svcs.	Barbra Anderson, Madison
Mary Deppe, North Country Council	Carter Terenzini, Moultonborough

Jack Rose called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm.

Minutes from last month's meeting were accepted.

Ted informed the committee that CCT received a total of \$19,000 in funding support. \$1,000 from Carroll County, and \$3,000 each from Albany, Madison, Sandwich, Moultonborough, Ossipee, and Wolfeboro. Conway will be voting next week.

Howard suggested that the committee only ask the County for funding and not the towns. Dorothy commented that she is the only County Commissioner that supports CCT. Dorothy suggested that it would be a great idea to break down the total amount requested from the county and divide that amount by the population. This would give the Commissioners a better perspective on what the cost per person would be. Dorothy said this should be done in October and sent in as a first draft. Howard suggested it would be a good idea to get the petitions for the towns completed anyway, just in case the county denies funding we would still have time to turn

the petitions into the towns for funding. Jack suggested asking the county for \$54,000 which would equal the amounts all the towns would give at \$3,000 each. Howard suggested asking the county for \$27,000.

Ted mentioned that while discussing the kickoff event with Bev, he noticed that July 1st falls on a Thursday this year. Ted also mentioned that a lot of the towns have 4th of July celebrations going on. Ted suggested that perhaps the startup date should be changed to a date after the holiday. Donna asked about using some of NCT vehicles in some of the local parades to help advertise the system if the CCT vehicles were not in. The committee agreed that would be a good idea.

The Kick Off event will include invitations to senators, congressman, the governor of NH, local politicians, committee members etc. Ted also mentioned that he is working on bi-weekly press releases to be published in all the local area newspapers to keep up the interest in the new transit system. Ted also mentioned that he will be receiving printed brochures soon and also placing ads in the newspapers.

Bev mentioned that the Travel Trainer working in the area will be putting up posters at local libraries advertising the meetings and trainings.

Carter asked about the hiring and training of drivers. Bev explained that the process takes about 3 months. If the system does indeed start on July 1st, they would begin the hiring process right away.

Bev put in a call to Shelley Winters at NHDOT. Bev asked Shelley when she anticipated the buses coming in. Shelley said it could be 120 days. Shelley mentioned that she would talk to Bev on Wednesday and update her on the bid awards and on the anticipated arrival of the buses.

Patrick updated the committee on the Senate Bill 321. It will go to the full house next week. Patrick also mentioned that there is a new RCC. It is Region 6, Eastern Monadnock Area. Patrick also mentioned that Cheshire County/Keene would be coming on board.

Mary Deppe informed the committee that North Country Council had submitted a grant application to the state to get funding to help coordinate and start a new RCC for Carroll County.

Patrick updated the committee on his efforts in working with NHDOT to help review the 5310 grant applications. Patrick said he would be meeting with NHDOT to review and discuss the applications.

Bev updated the committee on the Volunteer Driver program with RSVP in Carroll County. The program has hit a small snag due to issues with the policies and procedures. There will be a meeting on April 13th from 1:00 – 3:00 with TCCAP's insurance representative to iron out some of the issues. Members are invited to attend.

Benny mentioned that Gayle Lawhorn from NCT came down to Benny's place and did some partial training of the volunteers. The rest of the training will be completed once all the issues have been worked out.

Brenda presented the committee with the new Flex Route schedules. Brenda explained that due to new ADA rules put forth by NHDOT revisions had to be made to stops and times. Brenda explained that she only removed the times from the schedule and notes to stops. The routes will still run the same with the only change being that not all the stops will have assigned departure times. Brenda stressed the importance of educating and encouraging pre scheduling.

Jack asked Ted about the flags and Ted mentioned he was looking into it.

Bev updated the committee on the RFP appeal. The company that submitted the RFP has appealed the review committee's decision. The appeal is currently being looked at by the contracting officer, and he will be notifying the company probably next week with the results of the appeal.

Bev mentioned that there was a suggestion made about a "Unique Name" for the system. Bev asked Howard to elaborate to the group. Howard said he had come up with the idea of "The Blue Loon". He also thought that CCT could be creative with marketing it and using it in the "800" number. A motion was made and seconded to accept "The Blue Loon" as the system name.

Dorothy asked if CCT has asked the area businesses for support. Bev explained about the Sponsorship Program which sells signage on the buses.

Donna asked about the Endowment for Health funding, and how much longer the grant was for. Bev explained that CCT has one more year of funding. Donna indicated that she may speak with the Endowment about continued funding.

There was no public comment.

Other Business: Howard suggested that Malcom Longenecker (Travel Trainer) come before the committee and update them on how the presentations are going.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda Gagne

