

MART Finance Committee Meeting Minutes  
January 10, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 10:34 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT: (constituting a quorum)**

Mayor Stephen DiNatale	Fitchburg
Ken Troup	Bolton
Richard Maki	Sterling

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Selectperson Heather Billings	Westminster
Robert Pontbriand	Ayer

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Mohammed Khan, Bruno Fisher, James Sluss, Benilda Martinez, Jessica Lashua, George Kahale, Susan Gallien, and Keary Connors

- Approval of Minutes – September 17, 2019  
**Richard Maki of Sterling moved to approve the minutes from September 17, 2019. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**
- FY2020 Financial Update  
James Sluss informed the Committee that as of October 2019 MART has a deficit of \$84,000. MART will restructure some of the transit services. Wachusett Shuttle will be reduced by 3 loops and the Boston Shuttle will be reduced to 2 loops. Also the Ayer Garage will be opening, parking fees go into effect February 3, 2020.
- Presentation of FY2020 COLA Status  
James informed the Committee that a 2% COLA of all employees is already figured into the budget. Ken Troup from Bolton moved to recommend to the MART Advisory Board a 2% cost of living increase for all staff effective January 5, 2020. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- Update on Outstanding Legal  
MART has filed a civil suit against TLT and Weston Surety, the bond company for the project. MART is hoping to recoup some of the legal costs. Anything that is awarded to MART over the \$153,000 is not included in the budget.
- FY2020 Brokerage RFR Released to Bidder
- Open Items  
MART was awarded a \$165,000 grant to consolidate/centralize COA dispatching. MART will offer this COA centralized dispatching to the MART communities that would like to participate.

MART also received a \$4.5 million grant for buses. MART will buy (5) 35 foot heavy duty buses and (5) 30 foot heavy duty buses.

James also informed the Committee about the HHS Brokerage RFR for brokerage services for the whole state.

- Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 11:46 a.m.