

MART Finance Committee Meeting Minutes March 20, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 10:38 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: (constituting a quorum)

Keith Bergman	Littleton
Ken Troup	Bolton
Mayor Stephen DiNatale	Fitchburg

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Heather Billings	Westminster
Shaun Suhoski	Athol
Selectman Austin Cyganiewicz	Winchendon

STAFF PRESENT:

Mohammed Khan, Bruno Fisher, James Sluss, Jessica Lashua, Benilda Martinez and Keary Connors

- Approval of Minutes – May 23, 2017
Ken Troup from Bolton moved to approve the minutes from September 11, 2017. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- Financial Update
James informed the Committee that MART still has not received the funding for Athol/Orange service. Starting with FY2019 MART will no longer receive funding for this service but will still be able to maintain a good service in the Athol area. The year should end with a deficit of about \$160,000.

Bruno informed the Committee that the TLT arbitration is scheduled for the middle of June. MART has tried arbitration twice before with no success. He stated that our attorney feels like we are in a good position.

- Budget and Expenditures Report FY2018
- Revised Budget FY2018
- Draft Budget FY2019

James stated with the State budget being at the same level for the last 3 years there will not be any extra money for the Athol services. We are working with FRTA, who will be taking over the Orange portion of the route. Also we will be reducing services to 1 route if possible.

2 budgets were created for FY2019.

Budget 1 with service cuts if the State approves the \$80 million budget for transit.

- Reduce Athol Service

- Reduce Devens Shuttle
- Reduce Fixed Route Service by the one hour in the evening and also ADA and COA Service will reduce to coincide with the reduce hour on Fixed Route.

Budget 2 if the State approves the \$88 million budget for transit.

Both budgets have increase legal expenses of over \$500,000 to cover legal fees.

Once the State budget is approved MART will present 1 revised FY2019 budget for approval.

Ken Troup from Bolton moved that the Finance Committee make a recommendation to the MART Advisory Board to except the FY2019 budget. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

- Open Items
- Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 11:33 a.m.