

MART Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
May 23, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 10:37 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: (constituting a quorum)

Keith Bergman	Littleton
Ken Troup	Bolton
Mayor Stephen DiNatale	Fitchburg

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Shaun Suhoski	Athol
Selectman Austin Cyganiewicz	Winchendon

STAFF PRESENT:

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

GUESTS PRESENT:

Phil Rocca, Management of Transportation Services
George Kahale, Montachusett Regional Planning Commission

- Approval of Minutes – February 27, 2017
Mayor DiNatale from Fitchburg moved to approve the minutes from February 27, 2017. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- Financial Update through February 2017
James Sluss informed the committee that there could be a potential deficit of approximately \$700,000. Over the last few months we have restructured the brokerage and have been able to drive down the average cost per ride by \$2.00. MART is still working with HST to address the difference and help to reduce the deficit. The average cost per ride is the lowest in the State, there is almost a \$10 difference to the next closest RTA. MassDOT is working with HST to help resolve this potential deficit also. MART still has not received the \$400,000 earmark for Athol/Orange transportation. The contract for this funding was signed on December 13, 2017.

The Committee then discussed the HST issues and problems, with MART and offered help and suggestions. They offered MART any assistance they may need in resolving the current financial issues in regards to HST.
- Budget and Expenditures Report – FY2017 Seven Months
- Funding Review
- Open Items
James then reported that MART has had several audits over the last year and all have been closed with no further action needed.
- Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 11:27 a.m.