

Mass Transit and Highway Advisory Commission minutes

June 26, 2018

6:30 pm

Sprenkel Room

Present: Karen Wagner, Janice Favreau, Bob Dickinson, Herb Asplund

Herb lead the commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The April minutes were approved unanimously.

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Old business

1. Bus programs –
 - a. Bus ride program: There was a discussion of the bus program planned for the fall at the senior center, which will include bus rides. The Commission decided to go with whatever date Andrea Cofrancesco recommends. Herb will take care of signage. Karen will do publicity. Janice suggested “The Bus is Just for Us” as a title. Commission members agreed. Janice commented that the video program was too long and something shorter needs to be created. She volunteered to write up a PowerPoint presentation. Karen will look for digital materials to send to Janice.
 - b. Other venues: Janice suggested doing something to coincide with the Parks & Rec fall fest. She will research the possibility. Herb suggested getting a booth at Heritage Day. He will find out what is required for that. Janice commented that our webpage seemed outdated. Bob will check with the IT department to see if the information can be improved, perhaps including the minutes of meetings.
2. Sustainable communities – The Commission reviewed and approved the narrative describing work we have done to promote public transportation in town. Members discussed other possible initiatives in section 5. A bike-sharing program done in conjunction with South Windsor Walk & Wheelways might be feasible. Bob will bring this up at the next SWW&W meeting
3. Grants – Karen reviewed the criteria for a BUILD grant and determined that the projects the group funds are not something we are doing. The other grant items were tabled.
4. Intern – There was no money included in the town budget to pay a summer intern. Matt Galligan has reached out to the person who would have been the intern and asked if he was willing to be an unpaid intern. He has not gotten a response yet.
5. Citizen survey – Karen urged everyone to take this survey, which has transit-related questions.

New Business

1. Membership changes – Karen announced that Carolyn Mirek and Janice Favreau are now officially members.
2. The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

The next meeting is July 24