Mass Transit and Highway Advisory Commission

Minutes

Feb. 21, 2023

Present: Jim MacPherson, Herb Asplund, Renee Powell, Bo Maksymiuk, Karen Wagner, Sue

Larsen

Herb Asplund led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The agenda was approved unanimously. The January 24th minutes were approved unanimously.

Karen introduced and welcomed our new member, Bo Maksymiuk

Old Business

Grants: Karen Wagner reported that CTDOT is holding a meeting on February 22 to detail the parameters of the microtransit RFP and provide guidance for applying. She will attend. Bus Routes: Herb Asplund said he has been working with Counselor Stephen King to get better information on the two bus routes to Fedex. Questionnaire: Commission members unanimously approved the group's answers to the PZC questionnaire, which will be submitted to the PZC Commission. Liaison report: Karen said Council Liaison Erica Evans said that Matt Hart, a CRCOG expert on grants, gave a very useful presentation to the Town Council and suggested that we invite him to speak to us. The Commission agreed to invite him.

New Business.

Bus stop handicapped access: Karen reported that some bus stops in town do not have adequate paving, ramps and other infrastructure that helps people with disabilities get on and off the bus. Herb wondered if other towns have the same problem. Karen said she would check it out before moving forward with CT Transit.

Video training: Karen reported that all commissions will go through training regarding videotaping town meetings. Ours is scheduled for September. The goal is to improve transparency by videotaping all boards and commissions and archiving them on the town website.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for March 28th at 6:30 pm.

