

Green Mountain Community Network, Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting

September 27, 2021

Board Members Attending: Sharyn Brush, Wendy Callaert, Kristi Cross, Brian Campion, Nathaniel Marcoux, Mary Morrissey, Jonah Spivak, Dan Currier

Not in attendance: Stuart Hurd and Alex Figueroa

Staff: Terence White, James Ware, Inez Grover

Sharyn called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

❖ Financial Reports – Christa Marsh and Inez Grover

Inez and Christa presented the financial report. There will be some movement of some items. There will be some adjustments to the budget. Trying to get the June 30 year end ready for the audit. Went over the August budget percentages, many were up due to COVID and new buses. Re-doing budget to make the adjustments.

❖ Minutes from the previous meeting June 3, 2021, 4:00PM (attached) – Nathaniel Marcoux

Mary Morrissey moved to accept previous meeting minutes and Nathaniel Marcoux seconded.

❖ Questions on Management's written report to the Board, plus any updates – Terence White

Marketing plans – New website to go along with the new marketing campaign? Jim, Terence, and IT staff looking at the site. Jonah wondering about the timeline. Board members will need to approve it so Jim will send out the web address to board to give feedback. Build trust and partnerships in the community is most important. Have made some good strides. Struggled with staffing a bit and now four new employees have started (today). Still need volunteer drivers.

❖ Remarks by Dan Currier, GMCN VTrans Coordinator

Congrats to Bennington on filling staffing needs. Stuff coming down the line and Dan will keep us updated. All monies have come from federal grants for GMCN. Ridership is still down – 45%. Delta variant could be some of it. 12-18 months predicted until the return to normal. 400,000 trips a month – down to 200,000 (as a whole). Dan and Ross will be here on Friday at 10am and any members are welcome to join.

Will Shires connector ever come back? Still connect with train station in Albany. Not the airport connection. Every route needs to reach benchmarks. Having one run a day and

very low ridership. Looking to improve other routes and run twice a day. From Milton to Albany and back up. Yankee Trails does provide some routes that are in question. For Dan - Transit app active? Yes. There is an uptick in riders from the hikers.

❖ SIR and Vehicle Report – Jim Ware

Numbers slightly rising. Up and down. Demand response not recovering. Medicaid numbers still down about 50% (pre-COVID – current). Jim will have comparison sheet from last year to this year at next meeting. The bus that was involved in head-on collision will be going to MA for repair. Electric buses will be ordered within next couple of weeks. Town cars are ready to be replaced.

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Mary said that the GMCN was great for Garlic Town.

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Mary Morrissey made a motion to adjourn, Jonah Spivak seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The board meeting adjourned at 4:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Callaert

Secretary-Treasurer