

MONTACHUSETT JOINT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (MJTC) MEETING

MINUTES OF JULY 10, 2019

Meeting Held at

MRPC OFFICES

464 ABBOTT AVENUE, LEOMINSTER, MA 01453

J. Wyman called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

I. Introduction

Members

Jon Wyman, Westminster; Richard Maki, Sterling

Ex-Officio

Sarah Bradbury, MassDOT District 3

Non-Members

Steve Wallace, Westminster

Staff

Brad Harris, George Kahale, Sheri Bean, George Snow

II. Public Comments

No public comments were made.

III. Approval of May 8, 2019 and June 12, 2019 Minutes

Due to a lack of a quorum, the minutes were tabled until the September MJTC Meeting.

IV. Election of Officers

Due to a lack of quorum, the election process will take place at the September MJTC meeting. The slate of officers is as follows:

Chair: Jon Wyman, Westminster

Vice Chair: Paula Bertram, Lunenburg

Secretary: Doug Walsh, Athol

B. Harris indicated that there will be opportunity for floor nominations tonight and at the next meeting before the election. The first order of business for the next meeting will be the election of officers.

V. Montachusett Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)

- *Presentation of Draft RTP*
- *MJTC Recommendation Regarding Draft RTP*

B. Harris presented the draft 2020 Regional Transportation Plan. He indicated that the comment period began on June 25th and ends on July 15th. Comments can be sent via mail, email, through the MRTC website, phone, etc. There were also index cards available at the meeting for comments to be written on. All comments will be

reviewed and incorporated into the final document. The RTP information page is located on the MRPC website and has the document provided chapter by chapter, as well as a map journal, which is what was presented at the meeting as part of the public outreach process. B. Harris explained how to navigate the map journal and reviewed each section of the RTP.

S. Bean reviewed the comments that were received so far. These comments were mostly from MassDOT as well as a few from the general public.

The MJTC recommends to the MPO, by consensus, that the RTP be endorsed as presented based on comments received to date.

VI. Contract Status Reports

a. Federal Transit Administration (FTA) & Regional Transit Authority (RTA)

G. Kahale mentioned that the Ayer parking facility project continues to be constructed. It is expected to be completed by December of this year. There was a question regarding the Shirley train station. G. Kahale indicated that MART is interested in working with the Town to improve the station but they don't currently own the property. MART is also continuing to work on the on-time performance study for the bus routes & shuttles.

b. MassDOT 3C

B. Harris indicated that the MRPC sent out notices for the 2019 MJTC appointments. There have been 5 responses so far. Each community can appoint up to two representatives, one from Planning Board and one from the Select Board.

VII. Administrative Matters

- Next MJTC Meeting Location

The next meeting of the MJTC will be on September 11, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the MRPC Offices. There will be no meeting in August.

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

DOCUMENTS/EXHIBITS AVAILABLE AT MEETING:

7 10 19 Agenda
5 8 19 MJTC Minutes
6 12 19 MJTC Minutes
2020 Montachusett RTP presentation schedule
MJTC 2019-2020 Appointment Form
MJTC 2018 Appointment List