

MART received a JARC grant to extend hours and increase service in the area. The new hours for JARC are 8:00pm-12:00am Monday-Friday. MART has also done outreach to livery companies and only 3 were interested but at this time do not have the staff to perform the work.

MART also received a Workforce Grant for the Ayer, Shirley and Devens area. MART has been using 2 vendors, MTS and Flow, this service had good ridership early on but now there is very little ridership.

B. Federal Funding

1. FFY21 Section 5307

Mart has about \$245,000 left from FY202. This year MART will be working on the Athol Depot Project. Any money left in FY2021 federal funding will be used for projects in FY2022/23.

2. FFY22-26 Section 5307 within Infrastructure Bill

3. CARES / CRRSAA / ARPA Updates

CARES has about \$4 million left

CRRSAA- \$2.35 million left to use on capital or operational expenses

ARPA - \$9.6 million for operational money

4. Discretionary Capital Grants

All bus and vans in this grant have been delivered; 5 large buses and 16 low floor buses. Also, an automatic passenger count system has been installed in 50 vehicles. MART will also have a new data management system in January along with new fare collection system in the spring.

C. Finance Committee

1. SFY22 Financial Update

Mayor DiNatale informed the Board that all finances seem to be in order.

James Sluss informed the Board this year there will be no deficit and no surplus. MART will use federal funds for financial security.

2. COLA Discussion / Recommendation – **Board Vote**

RESOLUTION-Mayor DiNatale of Fitchburg moved that the Advisory Board of the Montachusett Regional Transit Authority approve a cost-of-living increase of 2% for all MART staff as recommended by the Finance Committee. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

D. Executive Compensation Committee

Mayor DiNatale went over the email that James sent regarding Administrator, Bruno Fisher's executive compensation. In the letter it indicated a 6% increase for the Administrator.

1. Administrator's Compensation Discussion / Recommendation – **Board Vote**

RESOLUTION- Ken Troup of Bolton moved that the Advisory Board of the Montachusett Regional Transit Authority approve a 6% increase to the Administrators salary retroactive to date of appointment, September 21, 2021. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

V. Administrative Matters

A. FTA Triennial Review

MART will have a Triennial Review later this year. All preliminary documents are due January 22, 2022.

B. Submission of Bus & Bus Facilities Grant – Water Street Expansion

The State has \$416 million in discretionary funds. MART has submitted a grant for the expansion of the Water Street location. This grant will revamp the existing office space and add additional office space. It will be 3 or 4 months before we here if we will receive this grant.

C. Appointment of Disabled Commuter Representative to the Advisory Board – Board Vote

MART and the communities are having a hard time finding someone to fill this Board position. MART has done some research and found that the representative can come from a local agency that serves the community.

RESOLUTION-Mayor DiNatale of Fitchburg moved that the Advisory Board of the Montachusett Regional Transit Authority approve to have the Disabled Commuter Representative be appointed by a MART member community or MART can appoint the representative from one of the local agencies with the Board approval. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

VI. Operational Updates

A. Operational Updates:

1. Transit FY21/22 Four Month Ride/Rev Data Comparison

2. Brokerage FY21/22 Four Month Ride/Rev Data Comparison

VII. Other Business

A. Future Transit Service Improvements

Bruno informed the Board that MART will be improving the current services. MART will be looking at all routes and try to get a better idea from the communities it serves as to where people need services. MART will try to use the smaller low floor buses to get into neighbors to pick up clients. MART will bring any changes to the Board.

B. Items Not Reasonably Anticipated to be Discussed

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.