

MART Finance Committee/Executive Compensation Committee Meeting Minutes
Remotely
December 13, 2021 10:30 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 10:31 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: (constituting a quorum)

Mayor Stephen DiNatale	Fitchburg
Ken Troup	Bolton
Richard Maki	Sterling

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Joseph Layden	Littleton
Robert Pontbriand	Ayer
Selectperson Heather Billings	Westminster
Jan Robbins	Ashburnham

STAFF PRESENT:

Bruno Fisher, James Sluss, Sherry Corcoran, Jessica Lashua, Tessa Williams, and Keary Connors.

- Approval of May 24, 2021, and September 20, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Ken Troup of Bolton moved to approve the minutes from May 24, 2021, and September 20, 2021. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

- FY2022 Q1 Financial Update

James Sluss reported that year to date service income is \$39 million. MART has had more over time and higher payroll than anticipated but we have put measures into place to get the over time under control. Also due to COVID regulations the cost per trip has increased. On the transit side MART has spent extra money in cleaning and maintenance due to the COVID regulations.

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

- FY2022 Projections

MART is now planning budgets 3-5 years out, including fuel and service costs.

- Update on Federal and State Grants

State Budget for RTA's FY2021 \$90.5 million with \$4.5 million in additional discretionary funds, FY2022 \$94 million, for MART that is \$172,000 more than FY2021.

- COLA Proposal – January 2022

Brokerage is having a hard time finding staff and keeping staff. 1 in every 10 trained, stay on. MART has employed an outside call center to help with call volume. Also shared rides are on the increase, with COVID regulations easing up.

MART is recommending a 2% COLA for all staff.

Ken Troup of Bolton moved to recommend to the MART Advisory Board a 2% COLA for all staff. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

- Open Items
- Adjournment

Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m.