

**MIDDLETOWN AREA TRANSIT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
January 13, 2016**

**Present:**

**William Donahue  
Robert Gatehouse  
Brian Dudek  
Darryl Bullock**

**Andrew Chiaravallo  
Cornell Lewis  
Jessica O'Toole  
Priscilla Geer**

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m.

**Public Session:**

No one from the public was present.

**Correspondence:**

The correspondence was read and accepted.

**Minutes:**

The Minutes of the Board Meeting of December 9, 2015 were read. Darryl Bullock made the motion to approve them and Brian Dudek seconded. The Minutes of the Board Meeting of December 9, 2015 were accepted by the Board.

**Stats:**

Cornel reported that because DCF has moved from Main Street to Route 17 in Durham we have added ridership to the Wesleyan Hills route. That ridership has increased while the Saybrook Road route is showing a decrease. He reported the year-end stats and said last year was relatively flat across the board. The "M" Link has shown a steady increase from the year 2000 when it was started to the present. He said construction has been a problem as it becomes hard to maintain a schedule when there is construction involved. The "Night Owl" from 1999 to present has also shown an increase although 2003 showed a dip and the route was reduced by one hour but then brought back up in 2005. In Rural, Durham dropped us in 2011 but Portland-East Hampton has added two more routes. He said the total from 2012 to 2015 has increased steadily.

Cornell said the contractors are still working on trying to get the garage doors working properly and basically it's the same issues we've been reporting all along. At any given time there are three or so doors that aren't operating properly. The design of the doors is relatively new and at this point we are the only district who have them. They were chosen because the design was supposed to be new and better. Although this hasn't

affected operations, they must be fixed to our satisfaction. The roof leaked a couple of weeks ago during a rain/snow storm and that continues to be an outstanding issue. There was also a problem with a prolonged wait for hot water in the restrooms - sometimes up to four minutes. It was determined there was no circulation pump installed initially and this will be done at the designer's expense. There was also a problem with the waste oil heater and it was determined the current unit is way too small for our needs. That issue will be reopened and Andy has threatened litigation if it isn't resolved to his satisfaction. We continue to withhold funds until all issues have been resolved.

**Administrator's Report:**

Andy reported that tonight is our intern Jessica O'Toole's last night. She put together the beginnings of a comprehensive Power Point presentation of MAT and presented it to the Board.

Andy reported two accidents, neither of which were our driver's fault. One was at K-Mart in Cromwell where a snowplow driver backed into the bus, resulting in \$20,000 worth of damage. The police were called to the scene. Fortunately, the bus DATTCO had repaired was ready and that is replacing the bus that was damaged and out of service while being repaired. The damaged bus is one of three that is due to be replaced and Andy said there is a pre-production meeting on March 16 and the new vans should arrive here in October.

The other accident involved an "M" Link bus and a car and happened on High Street with minimal damage to the bus.

Terminal improvements: The City has removed the roots of the tree in the rear of the terminal and an 8' high privacy fence is being built on the other side of the terminal where the building was torn down. We were asked to pay half of the cost of that and it will go under the terminal improvement category.

All Board members with the exception of Stewart has been sworn in for a new term.

The Awards Ceremony was a big success with several members of Bob Dillman's family attending.

There were no Resolutions this month.

Darryl Bullock made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Robert Gatehouse and the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.