

CASCO BAY ISLAND TRANSIT DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF

JANUARY 22, 2009

Directors Present: Phipps, Flynn, Rockett, Doane, Moreau, Overlock, Peretti, Donoghue, Johnston, Crowley, Hoppin, Hoffner

Directors Absent:

Others Present: Mac McKone, Mark Hall, Gene Taylor, Harry Pringle, Esq.

Staff Present: Debo, Horr, Williams, Mavodones

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Rockett at 7:45 a.m.

2. Approve Minutes of December 18, 2008 Board of Directors Meeting: Phipps moved, Flynn seconded and the vote was unanimous to accept the minutes of December 18, 2008 Board meeting.

3. Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report is included in the Board package. Overlock gave an overview of the Treasurer's report. He noted that revenues and expenses are on target. He answered questions from the Board. Overlock thanked Roki Horr and Mac McKone for working on a replacement on the telephone system. He said that the 2009 budget discussions had begun.

4. General Information Reports:

a. President's Report: President Rockett thanked the Board for their attendance at the planning workshop on Saturday, Jan. 17th. She said it was a good session.

b. Committee reports: The Operations Committee again is looking at schedule adjustments for cost savings. The two adjustments are changing the 10am to a 10:15am Downbay in the winter schedule, and elimination of the 4:15 pm in the Spring A sailing schedule. The Operations Committee will hold a Special Operations Committee meeting on January 29th, 7:45 a.m. to discuss these proposals. Donoghue said that the Directors should get the word out to attend this important meeting so the committee will have ample input from the public. Johnston, chair of the Sales and Marketing committee updated the Board on the work the committee is doing. He also thanked former Director, Frantz for assisting in the development of the new brochure. The Rate Structure Committee met and discussed the on-going work on simplifying freight rates and discussed timing for elimination of the fuel surcharge.

c. Island Wharfs Report: Sue Moreau, in attendance via phone had nothing to report.

d. Staff Reports: The Staff reports are included in the Board Package. Debo updated the Board on the beginning work for a new vessel.

5. Public Comment: A comment was received asking to thank the boat captains for adhering to the Peaks departure schedule for the first run of the morning and for making announcements to let people know in advance.

6. Business:

a. Government Relations Committee recommendations concerning Legislative agenda for the biennium: Phipps, Chair of the Government Relations Committee, briefly introduced the item by summarizing the most recent meeting of the Committee. Debo noted that the Committee had determined that this would not be a good year to request funding from the Legislature, but stated that the Committee recommended updating the District's enabling legislation along the lines of wording in the packet for "An Act to update Casco Bay Island Transit District enabling legislation".

Phipps asked the Directors to support this legislative initiative and recommended that the Board delegate authority to the General Manager to shepherd the bill through the legislative process with oversight by the Government Relations Committee on behalf of the Board of Directors. Upon request by the President, Donoghue moved the item as stated by Phipps and Overlock seconded the motion. Ms. Debo said Committee members had twice reviewed the enclosed wording and

had the expectation they might have an opportunity to do so again after the bill was submitted “by title only” at this juncture. As it turns out the sponsor forwarded the draft wording to the legislative drafter when the drafter indicated that it would not be possible to submit the legislation “by title only”. Board members had a discussion about some potential wording changes related to inter-modality and security. Debo said she wasn’t sure what changes could be made and at what point in the process, but that she would meet with the bill sponsor and Joint Transportation Committee Chair to discuss the intent of the bill and the issue of potential changes. Donoghue indicated he felt the bill’s final language should come to Board for approval before final language was enacted. Chairman of the Government Relations Committee Phipps indicated that it would not be realistic to pursue the bill’s intent in the legislation without the ability to act quickly and from a timing perspective coming back to the Board would not be a promise they could keep. Other members of the Board agreed. The motion passed 8 for, 3 against (Peretti, Donoghue, Moreau) and 1 abstain (Crowley).

- b. Operations Committee recommendations concerning policies for personal carts: Overlock moved, Hoppin seconded and after discussion and comments, and the assurance that the new policy will be discussed with deckhands, captains and a notice to the public, the vote was unanimous to adopt the Personal Cart Policy.
- c. Endorse PACTS High Priority Candidates Resolution: Debo gave the Board the background information on the resolution and after Hoppin moved and Donoghue seconded the vote was unanimous to adopt the Resolution.

7. New Business: Hoppin asked that the language on our signage be reviewed by the Sales and Marketing Committee. Hoppin also questioned the “Committee of the Whole” and where it stands for completion. Debo said she would discuss setting a meeting date with the Executive Committee.

8. Workshop: Harry Pringle, Esq. reviewed Board duties, responsibilities and restrictions to all new and returning Board members during this workshop. The Board thanked Mr. Pringle for his review.

9. General Announcements:

- a. Establish next meeting dates:
 - Special Operations Committee: Thursday, Jan. 29th, 7:45 a.m.
 - Tentative Special Operations Committee and public hearing: Feb. 5th, 7:45 a.m.
 - Sales & Mktg Committee: Monday, February 9, 2009 at 7:45am
 - Special Finance/Budget Committee: Wednesday, Feb 11th, 7:45 a.m.
 - Special Operations Committee: Wednesday, Feb. 11th, 8:30 a.m.
 - Executive Committee: Thursday, Feb. 12th, 2009 at 7:45am (2nd Thurs)
 - Special Rate Structure Committee: Thursday, February 12, 2009 at 8:15am
 - Special Finance/Budget Committee: Wednesday, February 25, 2009 at 3pm
 - Special Rate Structure Committee: Wednesday, February 25, 2009 at 4pm
 - Bd. of Directors meeting: Thursday, Feb. 26, 2009 at 7:45am (4th Thurs)
 - Spec. Budget/Rate Structure Comm. w/public hearings on Budget/Rate Structure:
Wednesday, March 4th, 4:00 p.m.
- b. Correspondence

10. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Dan Doane, Clerk
