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Meeting Minutes June 24

Source: MEET-Minutes-24-06-24.pdf on Town Council website

Town Planning Director Michelle Tyler and Consultant David Perlmutter presented the feasibility study presentation…

Councillor O'Connell: Do we have any numbers on what it would cost to start the program? Are the numbers presented for the entire year?

Ms. Tyler: Correct, this is for the year. In addition to these costs, there would be not only vehicles to purchase and maintain, insure, and hire employees capable of driving said vehicles but then you need an operational process, somewhere within the Town, to manage these operations.

Mr. Perlmutter: State law prohibits the town from operating its own commuter service. The Town would need to contract this out to a third-party vendor because the Town is already an MBTA community. The hiring and operations manager, obtaining vehicles, would also require one or some of the Town's employee(s) time to oversee these operations.

Councillor O'Connell: Can we use the Randolph Intergenerational Community Center (RICC) vehicles for this transit?

Town Attorney Griffin: If we go the micro-transit route and continue to limit it to those who qualify for those services, then we can.

Councillor Huff-Larmond: Thank you to Councillor Gordon who thought this was important and did the research by going out into the community to make sure it was needed. Who were the other stakeholders?

Ms. Tyler: The RICC, Elder Services, Randolph Community Partnership, Quincy Asian resources. We reached out to many other organizations who did not respond.

Councillor Huff-Larmond: When looking at these three options with the understanding that there may be more options, which do you think is best for Randolph?

Mr. Perlmutter: Option four would be available to the general public, and vehicles are smaller.

Councillor C. Alexopoulos: How long would the contract be for? Town Manager Howard: If we're starting from scratch we would need at least a three-year contract maybe even five to make use of the initial costs for getting everything started.

Council Vice-President Brewer: What are the fares going to be for residents utilizing this charge?

Mr. Perlmutter: We have studied fairs of $2 for the fixed and microtransit route, and $3 for the rideshare service.

Councillor Gordon: I see that the Stoughton shopping area was included in the map and I'm wondering why other shopping centers were not included.

Mr. Perlmutter: We were aiming to push as much service coverage while being limited to three vehicles. We didn't run simulations on the routes you are suggesting but we can certainly look into it however it would significantly drive up the cost.

Councillor Gordon: Could we make a fare-based system where riders from other cities would pay their share for utilizing this service?

Town Manager Howard: Thank you for the presentation. We need to cut this short and move on to the public hearing. If there are additional questions, please get them to Ms. Tyler and she can get the answers from Mr. Perlmutter if she does not have the answer already.

Meeting Minutes July 15

Source: MEET-Minutes-24-07-15 on Town Council website

Council Comments:

Councillor Gordon: 1. What is the next step regarding the mobility hub petition? I'd like to see a public hearing on that because I will certainly introduce a Council Order suggesting what I'd like to do so we can have a proper discussion about which action we want to take

Transcript from Town Council meeting July 15

Source: RCTV http://108.20.229.83/CablecastPublicSite/show/3068?site=2

-26:10 from end:
GORDON: I'd like to see a public hearing to decide which action we'd like to take. I haven't seen the grant rules and would like to. Then public input.

-21:35 from end:
BREWER: Before we get the public involved, how are we going to pay for it? Any ideas?

GORDON: There are large state grants available under the Mobility Hub program. The Town Planner indicated that grant information would be in the final report and I have not seen that yet. In summary, yes, there are state grants available and they're detailed in that final report. [Excerpt of this section of the final report is at http://www.RandolphPetitions.com/Mobility_Hub_Funding_Sources.pdf and includes federal, state, and local grant funding & earmarks].

HUFF_LARMOND: I'm excited to see the final report because these are exactly the questions w should be asking: How's it going to be funded? What makes sense? Is it through grans or other means? That should be a great conversation amongst us and I would love to have the public involved as well. I'm excited to see the final report and I really don't want to jump ahead. [Final Report is online at https://randolphpetitions.com/Randolph%20Transportation%20System%20Feasibility%20Study%20-%20%20Report%20-%20062324%20compressed%20(1).pdf including the Funding Sources excerpt above].

-4:15 from end:
GORDON: Gladys McClain is online and seeking to make a public comment about the Mobility Hub but was not recognized during public comments section.
COUNCIL CLERK: Public comments are not allowed online; only permitted for public hearings.

Meeting Minutes Aug. 12

Source: MEET-Minutes-24-08-12 on Town Council website

Committee Reports:

Councillor Gordon provided updates on the following items: 1. I'd like to hear from the Council about what to do next regarding the shuttle bus

Transcript from Town Council meeting Aug. 12

Source: RCTV http://108.20.229.83/CablecastPublicSite/show/3076?site=2

-28:00 from end

GORDON: Shuttle Bus information I think is posted on the town website -- where do we go next on that? From the rest of the Council, what do you want to do next? Investigate grants? Pick one of the options??
[Reports are now posted on http://www.randolphPetitions.com because they are challenging to find no Town website -- click on "Randolph Shuttle Van"]

Transcript from Town Council meeting Aug. 26

Source: RCTV http://108.20.229.83/CablecastPublicSite/show/3083?site=2
No minutes recorded on this topic in MEET-Minutes-24-08-26 on Town Council website

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GORDON: I've heard from the Shuttle Van group wanting to know the next step -- I think:
what grants are available,
and how to apply for those grants.
And invite the Shuttle Van group representatives to offer their opinions on next steps.
The feasibility study explored some grant options - what are next steps on those as well.

BREWER: Everyone's had a chance to look at it; I'd decide not the Uber/Lyft option; I'd go with the middle option, the smaller vans, and see how the thing goes, and start looking for funding. You gotta look for funding because there's no funding.

GORDON: How do we start that process?

BREWER: I guess the Council would do a thing on what we think is the best option, should we go with the middle option, which I think is the best option.

GORDON: I agree with the middle option; I'd be happy to write an order for the next meeting.

BREWER: If there's no funds, it's not happening

GORDON: I will write an Order that we want to explore the middle option; we want to see what grants are available; and we want to assign a town staffer to explore the grant options.

BURGESS: What about how this would affect the MBTA ridership?

GORDON: I don't believe the feasibility study addressed that, but I think ridership would go up; it's a feeder for the MBTA bus.

BURGESS: The MBTA is always looking to cut the 240 and the 238. I'd caution us, what is the greater value, the MBTA or this option.

GORDON: I'd don't see that as likely; I could call up the consultants and ask, but I think it'd increase ridership

BURGESS: Every time the budget comes up, the MBTA tries to cut our line.