

**GREATER NEW HAVEN TRANSIT DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS – REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, July 8, 2020 10:00 a.m.**

VITURALLY HELD ON ZOOM

In Attendance:

Directors: Bethany - *Lee Grannis*; Branford - *Dagmar Ridgway*; East Haven - *Michelle Duprey*; East Haven - *Wendy Bellmore*; Hamden - *Dan Kops*; New Haven - *Ryan Knox*; North Branford - *Mary Bigelow*; North Haven - *Mike Freda*; and Woodbridge – *Judy Young*.

Not in Attendance:

Directors: Branford - *Art Pappas*; New Haven - *Doug Hausladen*; West Haven - *Sharon Mancini*; and Orange – *Charlie Smyth*

GNHTD Administrative Staff: Mario Marrero, Glen McGough, Michael Sanders, and Andre Welsh

Guests: Richard Andreski (CTDOT Bureau Chief, Public Transportation), Dennis Solensky (CTDOT Transit Administrator), and Niclas Ferland (counsel to the District)

Call to Order: Chairperson Bigelow called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

Public Comment: There were no members of the public in attendance.

Approval of Minutes: *On a motion by Dan Kops, seconded by Wendy Bellmore, the minutes from May 20, 2020 special Board of Directors meeting were approved by a vote of 9 yea, 0 nay and 0 abstention. On a motion by Dan Kops, seconded by Dagmar Ridgway, the Executive Committee meeting minutes from June 20, 2020 were approved by a vote of 9 yea, 0 nay and 0 abstention.*

ConnDOT Visit:

Bureau Chief Richard Andreski started out by reviewing the pause in the State Street property to investigate the alternate site in Hamden. The reason for the investigation was because the site adjacent to CTTransit became available. The availability opens the door to synergies between the two facilities because of overlapping systems. Electrification is becoming the prevalent fuel source and the reason why all the vehicle manufacturers, and the supporting parts suppliers, are shifting their investment towards electric. This is also the major reason for looking at the Hamden site; to save money on the electrification of both buildings. ConnDOT has completed their phase 1 environmental, there was a concern of major issues, but the study showed that there were only minor issues at the Hamden site. ConnDOT is moving to their phase two environmental study. The FTA commitment to the State Street site will have to be addressed and the State is prepared to provide the necessary funding to advance the Edmond Street in Hamden if it is deemed a viable site. ConnDOT will continue to work

with FTA and GNTHD to settle and resolve the FTA interest in the North Haven property. ConnDOT is meeting with FTA on July 9 to bring them up to speed with the Edmond Street property. ConnDOT is hoping to be in a position to move forward by the end of the year with either property. Questions/discussion ensued.

ConnDOT is supportive of functional repairs to our current building to maintain a state of good repair.

Reports of the Officers:

Mr. Marrero provided the Quarterly Operations Report and Mr. McGough provided the Quarterly Treasurer's Report. Questions/discussion ensued pertaining to the reports.

There being no further discussion, Wendy Bellmore moved acceptance of the Quarterly Operations Report and Quarterly Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Dan Kops and unanimously approved by a vote of 9 yea, 0 nay and 0 abstentions.

Departmental Reports:

Human Resources

Mr. McGough gave highlights of the HR report. Harassment Prevention training in under way.

Capital and Procurement

Mr. McGough gave highlights of the Procurement report. RFP for attorneys has been completed and awarded. RM Pay contract has been signed.

Safety and Security (Risk Management)

Mr. Welsh gave highlights of the Risk Management report. D&A testing continues through COVID-19. New workers compensation company has been selected. Accidents and injuries are down for the quarter.

Facility Maintenance

Mr. Welsh gave highlights of the Facility report. 1014 repairs are complete.

Fleet Maintenance

Mr. Marrero gave highlights of the Fleet report. Six of the 12 new buses have been received. Questions/discussion ensued. Issue with a/c systems in the Transit that the manufacturer is correcting.

Executive Director's Report:

Mr. Marrero thank the team for all their great work during the COVID-19 pandemic. GNHTD has completed the agreement with Routematch for RMPay, union negotiations will begin in the next week and GNHTD has acquired a new workers compensation, Workers Compensation Trust. Staff training has been limited due to COVID-19 but are taking advantage of seminars and webinars. Questions/discussion ensued.

Dan Kops raised a concern regarding the Edmond Street property being located in the flood zone and to make sure ConnDOT ensures the integrity of the building design as the risk for flooding increases. Mike Sanders responded that critical functions have to be designed to be above the 500-year flood level and the Department has their own critical function rules.

Report of Committees

- a. Executive Committee – Mary will call a special committee meeting to discuss the new facility project. Also, will be adding Ryan Knox to the committee to fill the vacancy.

Adjournment: *There being no further business brought before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m. on a motion by Dagmar Ridgway,, seconded by Michelle Duprey.*