

**MILFORD TRANSIT DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
APRIL 16, 2009**

Attendance: Anthony Piselli-Chairman
Peter Carroll-Secretary/Treasurer
Advisory Board
J. David Griffin
John Piselli
Phillip Bonder
Henry Jadach Staff

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Piselli at 6:00 PM

1. Public Participation – None

2. Operating Review

Mr. Jadach reported that all divisions were operating within the budget. The main concern was utilities and fuel accounts which were very volatile last year but have remained within and below budget this year. The fixed Route, van services, shuttle service to the rail station and the Coastal Link to Norwalk were all operating at or above normal ridership. The station shuttle has seen a decrease due to the recent economic turndown.

3. Rail Station Report

Mr. Jadach reported that renewals have taken place for permit parking for April 1st and that the wait time for spaces is over 4 years. At renewal over 100 names have been taken off the list as when permits are offered many on the list have moved or are not interested. The District has also, since the 1st of the year, started towing cars that are illegally parked. To date 77 vehicles have been towed. Mr. Piselli questioned if the graffiti problem still exists? Mr. Jadach related that there were two major incidents and that one was paid for by the graffiti artist that

the police were able to apprehend. Mr. Piselli also questioned the graffiti that was in the form of a skunk. Mr. Jadach noted that they were a way for drug dealers to mark their territory and that there are a few left but not enough to warrant the expense of a cleaning operation. Mr. Jadach also related that he is getting a quote for having a chemical covering of the concrete at the station that would make the removal of graffiti much easier. He expects that quote to be high but it may warrant the application.

4. Resolution for the Chairman to Enter into Contracts with the State of Conn.

A motion was made by Mr. Carroll and seconded to approve of a resolution (attached) for the executive Director, Henry Jadach to make application to the State of Connecticut-Department of Transportation, for operating and capital grants and that the Chairman of the Board, Anthony Piselli, Sr. be empowered to sign such agreements for the District. Passed unanimously.

5. Report on Stimulus Projects

Mr. Jadach distributed copies of the three projects proposed by the district. He explained that the transit districts' around the state had agreed that they would not put any projects in for federal stimulus money and let the DOT have all of those funds in if the DOT would fund them through the regular FTA formula funds. Mr. Sanders of the DOT explained that there is enough formula money to fund the projects and that the State would match (20%) these funds. The stimulus funding is 100% so that the DOT would make out better, financially, if the process proceeded in this fashion.

Mr. Jadach explained the three proposed projects.

Replacement of the District's Two-Way Communications System

The District will purchase and install 30 two way digital radios in all vehicles along with new base stations and antenna's. this system will provide better coverage and enable better communications with the Coastal Link Service to Norwalk. Cost: \$81,845.

Installation of 10 Electronic Fare Boxes in Fixed Route and Coastal Buses

By employing this system the District will be compatible with the fare boxes that Bridgeport and Norwalk use on the coastal Link and it will make the fare collection system more accountable and accurate. Cost: \$272,000

Construction of a Transit Hub at the Connecticut Post Mall

An overall 75x15 ft. 3 part structure will be erected near the new parking garage at the mall that will be heated and well lit. A security system will be Connected to Mall security and maintenance will be accomplished with mall staff. Cost \$435,905

Mr. Bonder questioned how the maintenance of shelters is accomplished?
Mr. Jadach stated that the crew that is hired to clean the train station grounds on Wednesdays and Saturdays makes the rounds of the shelters. The proposed hub at the mall will routinely maintained by mall staff with their regular maintenance department.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM

Respectfully submitted
Henry Jadach