

New Shoreham Motor Vehicles for Hire Commission Meeting
Town Hall, Old Town Road, Block Island
April 17, 2013
2:00 p.m.

Present: Vincent J. McAloon, Geoffrey Lawrence and Connie LaRue. Monica Hull Shea and Brad Marthens were absent. Also present was Attorney Katherine Merolla. Town Clerk Fiona Fitzpatrick was present to take the minutes of the meeting.

Mr. McAloon called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

1. Discussion with attorney regarding MVFH ordinance and proposed Rules and Regulations

The Commission's goal is to get the regulating regulation in place this summer; Attorney Merolla will work with the Clerk on the process. The Commission will work on the remaining regulations through the summer. The Commission is empowered to promulgate regulations

2. Receive and act on letter of James Rondinone and Mike Shea re: sales tax and fare increase

Discussion included

- Mr. Rondinone's recommendation of a \$1 increase on the basic charge from \$10 to \$11 for one person with the understanding that the increased fare will include the 7% sales tax.
- A new surcharge for collecting pallets of freight from the ferry: \$5 per pallet
- Why far fewer people are taking taxis for short trips. Commission discussed reducing the fare for very short trips (those within the colored zones on the fare map).

Ms. LaRue moved, seconded by Mr. Lawrence, to recommend to the Town Council that freight charges be increased by \$1 and that the rate design explain the 7% sales tax is included in the charge; and to impose a new \$5 surcharge to unload each pallet.

Ayes: 3(McAloon, LaRue, Lawrence) Nays: 0 Absent: 2 (Hull Shea, Marthens)

Mr. McAloon moved, seconded by Mr. Lawrence, to make a recommendation to the Town Council to decrease the cost for fares for short hops within the colored zone from \$9 to \$6 for one person, tax included.

Ayes 3: (McAloon, LaRue, Lawrence) Nays: 0 Absent 2: (Hull Shea, Marthens)

3. Discuss and schedule next steps

The Commission will continue to work on regulations.

**4. Recommendations to Town Council regarding:
Vacant Taxi License**

Ms. LaRue moved, seconded by Mr. Lawrence that that James Murphy is eligible for a taxi license and recommends the Town Council **grant** James Murphy the taxi license vacated by Everett Littlefield, pending receipt of appropriate licensing fees, certificates of insurance naming the Town of New Shoreham as certificate holder, appropriate approvals by the NSPD and with the stipulation that drivers state rates to passengers prior to departure.

Ayes 3: (McAloon, LaRue, Lawrence) Nays: 0 Absent 2: (Hull Shea, Marthens)

Renewal of taxi licenses

Ms. LaRue moved, seconded by Mr. Lawrence that the following applicants have returned the appropriate paperwork and established their eligibility to renew their taxi licenses, and recommends the New Shoreham Town Council New Shoreham grant taxi licenses for 2013-2014 license year to Martha Ball, Margaret Berlin, Victoria Carson, Judy Clark, Muriel Clark, Gloria Hall Daubert, Mary Donnelly, Marcel Dulac, Mark Emmanuelle, Nat Gaffett, Richard Gann, Jon Grant, Geoffrey Hall, Deborah Hart, Monica Hull-Shea, Frederick Leeder III, Vincent McAloon, Timothy McCabe, Edward McGovern, Frances Migliaccio, Florence Millikin, William Millikin, Frank Nicastro, Christopher O’Neill, Cathy Payne, Henry Peterson, Maureen Quackenbush, James Rondinone, David Schaller, Sue Ann Shaw, Michael Shea and Champlin Starr, all pending receipt of appropriate licensing fees, certificates of insurance naming the Town of New Shoreham as certificate holder, appropriate approvals by the NSPD and with the stipulation that drivers state rates to passengers prior to departure.

Ayes 3: (McAloon, LaRue, Lawrence) Nays: 0 Absent 2: (Hull Shea, Marthens)

Renewal of bus licenses

Ms. LaRue moved, seconded by Mr. Lawrence that the following applicants have returned the appropriate paperwork and established their eligibility to renew their bus licenses, and recommends the New Shoreham Town Council grant New Shoreham Charter Bus licenses for 2012-2013 to William McCombe and Howard Rice pending receipt of appropriate licensing fees, certificate of insurance naming the Town of New Shoreham as certificate holder, and appropriate approvals by the New Shoreham Police Department.

Ayes 3: (McAloon, LaRue, Lawrence) Nays: 0 Absent 2: (Hull Shea, Marthens)

Taxi Waiting List

Ms. LaRue moved, seconded by Mr. Lawrence, to accept the taxi waiting list and forward it to the Town Council for ratification as follows:

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| 1. | Don Thimble | 04/27/99 |
| 2. | Fiona Fitzpatrick | 11/16/99 |
| 3. | Laurie McTeague | 01/07/02 |
| 4. | Charles Douglas | 04/16/02 |
| 5. | Lila DelPadre | 04/16/02 |
| 6. | Clifford McGinnes, Jr. | 07/23/02 |
| 7. | Shirlyne J. Gobern | 07/23/02 |

8.	Douglas Michel	09/27/02
9.	Barbara Michel	09/27/02
10.	Richard Tretheway	09/27/02
11.	Patricia Tretheway	09/27/02
12.	Brian Neville	11/19/02
13.	Mark Helterline	11/19/02
14.	Celeste Helterline	11/19/02
15.	John H. Tripler	08/14/03
16.	Janet Ziegler	08/14/03
17.	Nancy Greenaway	11/24/03
18.	Virginia Milner	04/20/04
19.	David Milner	04/20/04
20.	John Cullen	04/19/05
21.	Mimi Leveille	04/15/06
22.	Patrick Evans	12/12/06
23.	David Brennan	09/11/07
24.	Thomas Durden	03/25/08
25.	Ann Hall	04/22/08
26.	Glen Hall	04/22/08
27.	Christopher Lischke	01/28/09
28.	Robert J. Rose	11/18/09
29.	Edith Blane	09/23/09
30.	Geoffrey Ernst	10/20/10
31.	Jordan Ryan	04/03/13

Ayes 3: (McAloon, LaRue, Lawrence) Nays: 0 Absent 2: (Hull Shea, Marthens)

Bus Waiting List

Mr. Lawrence moved, seconded by Ms. LaRue, to accept the taxi waiting list and forward it to the Town Council for ratification as follows:

1.	Patrick Evans	05/19/10
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5. Approval of Minutes of March 12, 2013

Mr. McAloon moved, seconded by Mr. Lawrence, to approve the minutes of March 12, 2013.

Ayes 3: (McAloon, LaRue, Lawrence) Nays: 0 Absent 2: (Hull Shea, Marthens)

At 3:30, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Lawrence and seconded by Ms. LaRue.

Ayes 3: (McAloon, LaRue, Lawrence) Nays: 0 Absent 2: (Hull Shea, Marthens)

Respectfully submitted,

Fiona Fitzpatrick
Town Clerk