

Motor Vehicles for Hire
Wednesday, March 18, 2015
Town Hall, Old Town Rd
9:00 a.m.

Present: Commissioners: Brad Marthens, Connie LaRue, Patrick Evans, Vin McAloon, Geoffrey Lawrence. Also present were Cab owners: Fran Migliaccio, Cathy Payne, Mike Shea, Fred Leeder, Jim Rondinone and cab driver Patrick Tengwall. Zoe Estrin-Grele was present from the Block Island Times and Clerk Bonny Ryan was present to take the minutes.

Commission Chair Brad Marthens called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

1. Public Input/Correspondence

A letter from Craig Curtis (attached was read into the minutes) with no action. It was felt that his concerns had already been addressed.

New Taxi rate sheets and maps were sent by GIS person: Martha Roldan. Wording was addressed as follows:

- Change the spelling of Dorry's Cove.
- On page 2 in Bold: Travel within a single zone.....\$7 per person
- delete duplicate pallet charge
- add Pallet pick-up, luggage delivery\$5.00
- Dirt roads should be \$0-\$4.00

Mr. Marthens moved to add a box in bold on the second page to say Travel in a single zone...\$7.00 per person, seconded by Ms. LaRue.

Ayes 5(Marthens, LaRue, Evans, McAloon, Lawrence) Nays 0

2. Approval of minutes, February 18, 2015

Connie LaRue moved to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Geoffrey Lawrence.

Ayes 5(Marthens, LaRue, Evans, McAloon, Lawrence) Nays 0

3. Update on request to have Town Attorney look at services such as UBER.

The Town Council sent a draft document for discussion which is attached.

Connie LaRue moved to send a recommendation to Town Council in support of this ordinance change seconded by Patrick Evans.

Ayes 5(Marthens, LaRue, Evans, McAloon, Lawrence) Nays 0

4. Update on Don Thimble's taxi license.

Clerk reported that Mr. Thimble is actively shopping for a taxi and does intend to pick up his license this year.

5. Update and action on legislative agenda from Monday's meeting with State Reps.

Fran Migliaccio's draft letter was discussed. A copy is attached. She reported that Sen. Sosnowski needs to hear from drivers and owners individually and provided email address for members of the legislature who should be contacted. After discussion the Commission on Motor Vehicles for Hire were directed by the Clerk to ask the Council for a Resolution in support of the repeal of the Sales Tax on Motor Vehicles for Hire.

Brad Marthens moved to send a recommendation to the Town Council that the draft a resolution in Support of the Repeal of Sales Tax for Motor Vehicles for Hire, seconded by Ms. LaRue.

Ayes 5(Marthens, LaRue, Evans, McAloon, Lawrence) Nays 0

Minutes approved: April 15, 2015

Bonny Ryan