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TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON MASSACHUSETTS

OFFICE OF THE TOWN MANAGER

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RTAC)

Whereas, the Town of Great Barrington in partnership with several surrounding municipalities in Southern Berkshire County operates a microtransit ride-share program, to be known as the South County Connector, serving the transportation needs of the elderly, disabled and the workforce in the area;

Whereas: Great Barrington and the participating municipalities yearly enter into an Inter Municipal Agreement (IMA) governing the implementation of the program, and the financial and programmatic responsibilities contributions of each partner Town.

Whereas, the needs of the riders and the provision of public transportation through the area would be best served by an advisory board representing each Town.

Whereas, by the authority of the Charter of the Town of Great Barrington, the Town Manager has the authority to create ad-hoc committees from which may provide advice and guidance to the Town Manager about the operation and implementation of special initiatives.

Whereas, the Town Manager created an RTAC in 2019, and at this time considers the work of that committee to be complete.

Whereas, a new RTAC with revised duties and membership is needed to oversee the microtransit program and other transportation functions.

Now, therefore, the Town Manager hereby dissolves the former RTAC and creates a new RTAC in its place, as follows:

The RTAC shall be an advisory committee that will review, evaluate, and make recommendations to Town Manager and/or his designee about the operations of the microtransit program, including its hours of operations, fare structure and other issues; however, the Town Manager and/or his designee shall have the ultimate decision-making authority on any matter. The microtransit operations manager, director or program designee shall attend each meeting to provide updates about service, performance, initiatives, and answer program related questions.

The RTAC shall consist of one representative from each of the following Towns: Egremont, Great Barrington, Monterey, New Marlborough, Sheffield, Stockbridge, and West Stockbridge. Each member must be appointed by their respective executive officer or Selectboard as appropriate, and the Towns may set term limits for their representatives, if they choose to do so. Notice of appointment and term, if any, shall be given to the Great Barrington Town Manager.

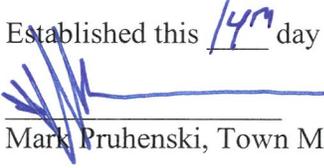
At least four of the seven Towns shall be present in order for the RTAC to meet and take any action.

There shall also be up to three citizen-at-large representatives to the RTAC who are residents of Great Barrington. There shall also be two rider representatives to the RTAC, from any member Town. These five people shall be appointed by the Great Barrington Town Manager. These members shall have a vote if they are present, but their absence shall not count against the quorum stated above.

The RTAC shall meet at least quarterly and/or on an 'as needed' basis at a time and place convenient to its members and to the Great Barrington Town Manager.

The members shall choose officers, including a Chairperson, as it deems appropriate. The RTAC is encouraged to conduct its business in accordance with all aspects of the Massachusetts Open Meeting Law, including posting agendas with the Town of Great Barrington and member Towns and keeping minutes to the best of its ability.

Established this 14th day of November, 2024.



Mark Pruhenski, Town Manager