

**GATRA**  
**Consumer Advisory Committee**

**Date:** November 17, 2016  
**Time:** 1:00 pm  
**Place:** Attleboro Public Library, Balfour Room  
74 N. Main Street  
Attleboro, MA

**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order
2. Reading & Acceptance of Minutes  
**\*\*\* Due to Lack of quorum there were no formal minutes documented on October 20, 2016. Enclosed are the September 15, 2016 minutes.**
3. Consumer Comments
4. Reports from the Authority
5. Reports from the Operator
6. Unfinished or Old Business
7. New Business
8. Remarks or Announcements from the Chair
9. Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting
10. Adjournment

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**Minutes if the GATAR Attleboro/Taunton Consumer Advisory Meeting on September 15, 2016, 1PM held at the Attleboro Public Library.**

**Present:**

Walter Thibodeau, Vice Chairperson	Jeffrey Heap, Consumer
Julie Hall, Attleboro City Council	Stacy Royer, SRPEDD
Joanne LaFerrara, GATRA	Wendy Gonzales, SCIL
Odette Luszcz, GATRA	

**Call to Order**

Vice Chairperson Thibodeau called the meeting to order at 1:10 PM. He asked for a moment of silence for Chairperson Alexander. Vice Chairperson Thibodeau stated that he will assume the Vice Chairperson until the next election not unless any of the members would like a special election to be held. The members agreed to have Vice Chairperson Thibodeau chair the meetings until the next election.

**Acceptance of the Minutes**

The minutes from the meeting on June 19, 2016 were approved.

**Consumer Comments**

There were no consumer comments.

**Reports from the Authority**

Ms. LaFerrara reported that she went to a conference and sat in on an Open Meeting Law session. She indicated that meeting minutes and agenda need to say open meeting and the minutes need to be posted on the website. Ms. LaFerrara stated that she will look into this matter further.

Ms. LaFerrara stated that she will be meeting with people in Foxboro and will let them know about the GCAC satellite meetings. She stated that she will invite them to the meetings and she asked the GCAC members if they would like a smaller satellite committee for Foxboro. The members said to invite them to a meeting. Vice Chairperson Thibodeau stated that the veterans should be invited to the next meeting.

Ms. LaFerrara also reported that she is still working on getting a bus to go to Bristol Place Mall. She mentioned that GATRA has met with Sturdy Hospital and that the MedWheels program is running.

Ms. LaFerrara indicated that GATRA is still working with Scituate on transportation and would like Scituate to come to a Plymouth meeting.

Ms. LaFerrara stated that GATRA received a grant to work with SRTA to have a bus from Wareham to New Bedford. The grant has not been signed yet but hopefully this service will be running soon.

Ms. LaFerrara stated that the Hanover to Pembroke route is on hold because Pembroke is having issue with the route.

#### **Reports from the Operator**

Ms. Luszcz stated the June, July, and August Dial-A-Ride statistics.

#### **Unfinished or Old Business**

Ms. LaFerrara stated that she doesn't believe that there have been any news about the Scituate parking spots. She indicated that GATRA can't do anything else about it and the town has not done anything with this issue yet. Vice Chairperson Thibodeau asked Ms. LaFerrara if she would like him to pursue this issue with the State Legislature stating that public transportation should be allowed to go into the shopping plaza. Ms. LaFerrara stated that maybe it is allowed and we don't know. We have to see if it is a state law because of ADA. Ms. LaFerrara stated that she would look into this issue.

#### **New Business**

Mr. Heap mentioned that the special Olympic was a success in May and kids received awards.

Ms. Hall stated that she is working on a land use project near Stop & Shop where there is a bus stop and she will keep it on her radar if the stop needs to be moved.

#### **Remarks or Announcements from the Chair**

Vice Chairperson Thibodeau discussed the GCAC By-Laws and mentioned that you can become a member of the GCAC at the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. He asked if Ms. Lenhardt could look at the previous by-law to see the number was different. Ms. Royer indicated that she will have Ms. Lenhardt review the past by-laws.

#### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 1:50 PM.

#### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on:

Date: October 20, 2016

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: GATRA

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Taunton, MA

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