

**MONTACHUSETT REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY (MART)  
MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 20, 2024  
REMOTELY**

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 10:36 am without a quorum at 10:51 am there was a quorum.

**ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: (constituting a quorum)**

Michelle Nadeau (representing Mayor Mazzarella)	Leominster
Mayor Samantha Squailia	Fitchburg
Mayor Michael Nicholson	Gardner
Jan Robbins (representing Select Board)	Ashburnham
Kenneth F. Troup (representing Select Board)	Bolton
Melanie Jackson (representing Select Board)	Phillipston
Rick Ward (representing Select Board)	Winchendon
Selectperson Chaz Sexton-Diranian	Townsend

**ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Kelly Dolan (representing Selectmen)	Lancaster
Lisa Marrone (representing Selectmen)	Sterling
Selectperson Heather Billings	Westminster
Adam Lamontagne (representing Selectman)	Templeton
Carly Antonellis (representing Selectman)	Ayer
April Lynn Forest (representing Selectman)	Ashby
Richard Martin	Royalston
Joe Layden (representing Selectmen)	Littleton
Carter Terenzini (representing Selectmen)	Boxborough
Tim Bragan (representing Selectman)	Harvard
Nate Boudreau (representing Selectmen)	Hubbardston
Alyson Toole (representing Selectmen)	Stow
Jessica Sizer (representing Selectman)	Barre
Caesar Nuzzolo	Lunenburg
Mitchell Grosky (representing Selectmen)	Athol
Sharon Hardaker	Hardwick
No Representative	Shirley

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Bruno Fisher, Scott Rich, and Keary Connors.

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

Sara Withee	Ayer Resident
Melissa L'Ecuyer	MTS General Manager

**Agenda**

**II. General / Public Comments (Est. 5 minutes)**

**III. Approval of June 4, 2024 Meeting Minutes – Board approval required**

**RESOLUTION- Mayor Samantha Squailia of Fitchburg moved that the Advisory Board of the Montachusett Regional Transit Authority approves the June 4, 2024 minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and passed.**

Roll Call was done.

Michelle Nadeau

yes

Mayor Samantha Squailia	yes
Mayor Michael Nicholson	yes
Jan Robbins	yes
Kenneth F. Troup	yes
Melanie Jackson	abstained
Rick Ward	yes
Selectperson Chaz Sexton-Diranian	yes

**IV. Administrative Updates (Est. 20 Minutes)**

**A. Gardner Fixed Route Service Changes – Board Approval Required**

Scott Rich went over the changes to the Gardner fixed bus route.

1. 1/16/2024 Route 3 started
  - a. 19 loops throughout the day
2. Gardner Route 1
  - a. 11 loops to 17 loops per day
  - b. 54% increase
3. Gardner Route 2
  - a. 11 loops to 18 loops per day
  - b. 63% increase

Start date September 3, 2024

No negative feedback was received during the 14-day comment period.

**B. Revised Fixed Route Service Standards – Board Approval Required**

Bruno Fisher went over the changes to the Service Standards.

**C. PTASP Safety Plan Update and Acceptance – Board Approval Required**

Scott went over the changes to the PTASP.

1. Focus on driver safety
2. Mitigate accidents

**D. Ten Month Fare Free Extension (Funded) – Board Approval Required**

Bruno informed the Board that MART will be able to be fare free through the rest of the Fiscal Year June 2025. We may even be able to extend this to COA's for 10 months. MassDOT would need to approve, and we are expecting that approval by September 20, 2024.

**RESOLUTION- Mayor Samantha Squailia of Fitchburg moved that the Advisory Board of the Montachusett Regional Transit Authority approves all the above listed items as presented. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**

Roll Call was done.

Michelle Nadeau	yes
Mayor Samantha Squailia	yes
Mayor Michael Nicholson	yes
Jan Robbins	yes
Kenneth F. Troup	yes
Melanie Jackson	yes
Rick Ward	yes
Selectperson Chaz Sexton-Diranian	yes

**V. Other Business**

**A. Items Not Reasonably Anticipated to be Discussed**

**VI. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:09 a.m.