## THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE NEXT ESTUARY TRANSIT DISTRICT and MIDDLETOWN TRANSIT DISTRICT BOARD MEETINGS

# ESTUARY TRANSIT DISTRICT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MTD GARAGE, 91 N. Main Street, Middletown, CT with Remote Options THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2022, AT 10:00 AM.

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Joan Gay, Co-Chair, at 10:12 a.m.

#### **ROLL CALL**

A quorum was established with the following committee members present: Joan Gay and Angus McDonald

Also in attendance: Joe Comerford and Christina Denison

Absent: Karl Kilduff

#### STATUS OF HB5255

Gay reported that the bill had gone through many revisions and due to efforts of lobbyist hired on behalf of the transit districts, and those of Rep. Devin Carney and Sen. Norm Needleman, the bill will have no impact on the district. The bill directs DOT to give priority funding to districts with a population of over 100,000. Starting with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the Commissioner of Transportation shall establish a competitive grant program for which eligibility requires, an application process, evaluation criteria and reporting requirements will be established.

#### **LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST DISCUSSION**

The meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 21 at 8:30 a.m. in the Middletown offices with remote options. Masks will be encouraged.

Comerford will revise last year's presentation, focusing on:

- Partnerships with other organizations
- Benefits of the merger
- Scale of the new organization
- Facility update
- Covid and ridership
- Finances (emphasis on COVID Relief funds)

Using the Implementation Plan as a guide, Gay will summarize what has been accomplished.

#### DISCUSSION OF ITMES FOR MAY 13, 2022, REGULAR BOARD MEETING

None.

### <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

The meeting was adjourned at 10:59 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Denison Clerk