

A meeting of the Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority was held on Wednesday July 10, 2013, 8:30 A.M., at the Authority's Multipurpose Room, 1 East Shore Road in Jamestown, RI.

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 A.M. by Chairman David A. Darlington.

**Members Present:**

David A. Darlington, Chairman  
Stephen C. Waluk, Co-Vice Chairman  
Deborah M. Brayton  
Darrell Waldron  
Michael P. Lewis, Director DOT

**Invited Guests:**

Buddy Croft, Executive Director  
Nancy E. Parrillo, CFO  
James Swanberg, Director of Operations, Safety & Security  
Eric Offenber, Director of Engineering  
Kathi O'Connor, Electronic Toll Collection Manager  
James Romano, Director of Maintenance  
Michael Bonsignore, Chief Technology Officer  
JoAnn Head, Executive Assistant  
William O'Gara, Legal Counsel

Public Coments

Larry Fitzmorris, President Portsmouth Concerned Citizens, questioned how the \$1.50 toll charge would be applied.

Item No. 2

The Chairman discussed the 2013 Legislative session with the Board, and its decision to postpone the \$.75 toll on the Sakonnet River Bridge

Item No. 3

The Chairman reported that the proposed toll rates and discount plans would be determined at a later date. The Newport/Pell Bridge would freeze.

Item No. 4

The FY 2014 RITBA Budget Revisions was discussed and decided that the Executive Director would provide more information at the August meeting.

Item No. 5

Chairman's Report

- Congratulated Jim Romano and his staff on the maintenance of bridge property.

- \$.10 Toll on the Sakonnet to begin on August 19, 2013 per legislation and that a study commission is being put together and how to go about what's appropriate and what makes sense financially.

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- Discounts – based on revenues is postponed to April 1<sup>st</sup> on Newport/Pell and Sakonnet
- Transponders discount will end on July 13 at 1:00 P.M.
- “Post Paid” Transaction at Sakonnet River Bridge – not violation
- Work with DOT on maintenance and repairs for the bridges while study group meets.

Item No. 6

Executive Director's Report

6/27 Staff Mtg.

6/28 Staff Mtg.

07/02 Matt Grey – Bike Race

07/02 Staff Mtg.

07/03 Staff Mtg.

07/09 IBTTA Conf. Call

Reports / Upcoming Events

- Sanef Migration
- Save The Bay Swim – 7/20
- Bike Race – 9/15
- Citizens Road Race 11/10
- Next Board Meeting 8/7

Item No. 7

CFO Report

- Year End Closing
- Audit

Item No. 8

Director of Engineering Report

- Work on Mt. Hope Bridge Contract 10-11 to be completed by end of summer – currently removing safe span decking offered tour to any Board members or press during next couple weeks while decking still in place.
- Currently evaluating submittals by 5 engineering firms for Mt. Hope Inspection
- Work on Pell Bridge (Contract 11-1) fully mobilized and
- On-Call Maintenance Contracts for Mt. Hope and Pell ongoing starting steel work and pointing

Item No. 9

Director of Operations, Safety & Security Report

- PCI Compliant – Next month
- Accidents

Item No. 10

Electronic Toll Collection Manager Report

- E-ZPass Promotions

- Volume of transponder sales

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Item No. 11

Director of Maintenance Report

- More maintenance men inspecting bridges.

Chief Technology Officer

- New Website is up
- Go live on August 19<sup>th</sup>
- New system software management - better view of our assets

Item No. 12

The Board suspended the regular board meeting to convene an Executive Session which was called to order at 9:15 A.M. in accordance with Rhode Island's Open Meeting Law, R.I.G.L. 42-26-5(a)(1), (2), (3) and (5) upon motion made by Stephen Waluk and seconded by Michael Lewis. All Board members present voted aye.

At 9:56 A.M., a motion to exit Executive Session and seal the minutes and return to public session was made by Michael Lewis and seconded by Stephen Waluk. At 9:57 A.M. a motion to adjourn the public meeting was made by Michael Lewis and seconded by Stephen Waluk. There were no discussions on the motions.

Buddy Croft  
Secretary