

ESTUARY TRANSIT DISTRICT PUBLIC HEARING
On
PROPOSED FARE INCREASES

SEPTEMBER 29, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

The Public Hearing of the Estuary Transit District was called to order at 4:00 p.m. in the Old Saybrook Town Hall, First Floor Conference Room, 302 Main Street, Old Saybrook, CT 06475 by Operations Manager Jamie Bohli. ETD staff present: Joseph Comerford, Jamie Bohli, Halyna Famiglietti, Leslie Strauss and Christina Denison.

Kristin Juairé, Quality Life Manager at Vista Life Innovations, spoke in favor of the disabled fare. Ms. Juairé stressed that public transportation is vital to Vista's clients, who have varied neurological disabilities. These individuals currently live along the shoreline between Old Saybrook and Branford. She noted that VISTA's goal is to help its members live independently and work successfully in the community. She stressed that public transportation plays an important role in their program by helping its students attain these goals, as it is their only means of "getting around." She noted that a reduced fare would be very extremely beneficial to Vista's students, many who have limited incomes. She reported that Vista is excited to see the reduced disability fare come to the shoreline, as it is currently used on the trains, which many Vista students utilize.

There being no further comment, it was moved by Joseph Comerford, seconded by Halyna Famiglietti the Public Hearing be closed. Carried by voice vote.

The Public Hearing adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Joseph Comerford, Executive Director