



Meeting Minutes
March 24, 2026 – 7:00 pm
Senior Community Center – 2nd Floor

- Attendees: Juliet Walker, Rick Taintor, Alden Clark, Bonnie Sontag, Eric Tracey, Brendan Linard (MVPC), Chris Cunningham, Judy Tymon, Beth Trach, Judy Sharkey, Carolyn Layzer, Noah Berger (MeVa)
- Invited guest – Noah Berger, MeVa Administrator
 - Article: [How MeVa Rebuilt Its Transit Identity | Mass Transit.pdf](#)
 - Noah provided an overview of current and upcoming bus services in the Merrimack Valley region and beyond (including a new line to Salem NH), fare free policy benefits to communities and riders, funding strategies, rebranding campaign, Lawrence hub improvements, service enhancements (frequency and extension of hours), signing of stops, electric ferry boat between Amesbury and Newburyport, ridership has increased to 60% above pre-pandemic levels across the region
- MVPC Update (Brendan Linard) Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP), design funding for transportation projects (Federal Aid Design Seeds program), Plum Island Turnpike feasibility study (Newbury) [PI Turnpike presentation 3-11-26.pdf](#), Beach Road Connector (Salisbury)
- Snow Removal Ordinance (City Council Public Works Committee) -- supported by Beth Trach, Lisa Medina Smith, Mary DeLai
- Adult Cycling Skills Clinic – (Bonnie Sontag) April 25, sign up via Salisbury COA or via Newburyport Livable Streets (<https://newburyportlivablestreets.org/events>), couple of volunteers needed (Carolyn and Judy offered)
- Approval of December Meeting Minutes – [NLS 2025-12-16 Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)
- Treasurer's Report – [NLS 2025 Treasurers Report.pdf](#)
- Project Updates
 - Low Street Bike Audit – [Low Street Bike Audit Report.pdf](#)
 - Port Bikeshare – April 1 relaunch
 - AARP grant application (15K)
 - Rebalancing team -- reach out Rick and Sheila if interested
- Other Business
 - Bike Bus restarting
 - Moonlight Ride on the Refuge – Friday, October 23 (rain date Saturday, 10/24)
- Moved to adjourn (Juliet, seconded by Judy)