



Cultural  
Connections  
Committee

**Cultural Connections Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018**  
**Nashua Public Library**

**I. Call To Order:** Chair Deepa Mangalat

*The mission of the Cultural Connections Committee is to encourage understanding and appreciation of Ethnic Diversity in the City of Nashua and to facilitate communication between the ethnic community and city government*

**11. Roll Call :** 3:35pm

**I11 Presentation by Nashua Transit System**

- General information was presented about the Nashua Transit System, and there was a question and answer period
- There is currently a route that travels to the Amherst Walmart on Tuesday and Friday. This route is possible through a grant
- Currently the city buses do not travel on Sundays. Few members mentioned that would be very convenient if a bus service could be provided during this day. Lack of funding
- There is a Hampton Beach route on Saturdays. Pick up time is from 8:15am through 10:40am at different locations. Departure time from Hampton Beach is 5pm. Cost is \$5
- There will be a Deerfield Fair shuttle at the end of September but it has not been advertised yet. Cost will be \$5
- The token transit app allows NTS users to buy tickets online and show their digital ticket to the bus driver. Feedback was provided that this may not help for those who do not have cellphone or may lack internet data at the time
- City buses are able to carry bikes for clients free of charge. 2 bikes per bus
- All city buses are qualified for ADA services
- NTS has 9 buses that run on clean CNC (compressed natural gas) fuel
- In September, NTS will be receiving a fleet of new vans that will be up to date and pleasant to ride on
- NTS receives \$419,000 from the city of Nashua, the total NTS budget is \$3 million. 15% of funding is received by National Federal Transit
- The NTS website can be used to help plan a route
- Kristi Gillete from NTS is able to travel with people who are not familiar with the bus system and inform them about the routes and NTS services

- NTS drivers received cultural competency training once a year
- There is a two bag limit per person on NTS buses. Suggestion was made to bring bigger bags if the two bag limit was not enough
- Any additional comments or questions can be directed to Camille Pattison, [pattisonc@nashuanh.gov](mailto:pattisonc@nashuanh.gov)