



FERRY COMMITTEE

Minutes (DRAFT)

Wednesday, April 29, 2026

- A. **Call to Order:** Corey Evans (Cohasset) called the meeting to order via Zoom at 10:03 AM.
- B. **Spring Update:** MBTA Ferry Operations Director David Perry joined to provide the committee with an update on the start of seasonal service, right whale slow zones, and Hingham Ferry Dock Improvements Project.
 - a. Aaron Clausen (Lynn) asked how service updates are communicated to the ridership. D. Perry answered that it is put out on T Alerts. He said he had not received a notification earlier in the day and the T Alerts system was having trouble with the alternate schedule so the team would make sure to address it.
 - b. C. Evans asked if there was a future possibility to get a vessel on the Lynn route that could better handle the rough waters. D. Perry answered that he didn't believe so. The two vessels currently in use are built for ocean service, but the rough seas are typically coming from the northeast which makes the Lynn ferry's route particularly difficult.

- c. Bill McHugh (Salem) shared that lobstermen had reported to Salem more right whales than they had ever seen in recent years, so he agreed with the assessment that slow zones would likely be extended. He also commented that Salacia's service was cancelled 12 times last October due to a system offshore, and emphasized the importance of airing on the side of caution for safety in rough weather.
 - d. C. Evans asked in the Hingham Dock would have stairs in addition to the ramp which D. Perry said it would.
 - e. Art Robert (Hingham) thanked D. Perry for the Hingham Dock updates and commented that the community is excited to see the project move forward.
 - f. C. Evans clarified if the ice issues were specific to Hingham harbor or if Hull service was also impacted and D. Perry confirmed that most days, they ran modified service just to Hull. C. Evans asked if there was a shuttle bus from the Hingham parking lot to the Hull dock. D. Perry said that the MBTA worked with DCR to run a shuttle from the Nantasket Beach parking lot to Hull. C. Evans suggested that the MBTA reach out to Scituate in similar future situations because Nantasket would be a convenient commute for Scituate riders.
 - g. Jason McCann (Hull) praised the MBTA's response, communication and coordination with alternate options.
- C. **Minutes:** The committee approved the February 25, 2025 meeting minutes without objection.
- D. **Next Meeting:** Next Meeting May 27 at 10am
- E. **Adjourn:** With all business transacted, C. Evans thanked D. Perry for joining and adjourned the meeting at 10:38 AM.

Attendees:

Committee Members:

Cohasset	Corey Evans
Hingham	Art Robert
Hull	Jason McCann
Lynn	Aaron Clausen
Salem	Bill McHugh
Quincy	Frank Tramontozzi

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David Perry	MBTA Ferry Operations
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