

Service on our bus lines in Watertown has been seriously declining for about five years. This is, in part, due to increased ridership. Buses are habitually overcrowded and late. At the same time, the prospect of much future real estate development, particularly in the Arsenal Corridor, raises the likelihood that much more transit capacity will be needed in the future.

On March 11, 2014 the Watertown Town Council voted 7-0 to send a [letter](#) to Dr. Beverly Scott, General Manager of the MBTA, asking the T to engage with the Town to remediate service issues on the 70, 71 and 73 Bus lines as well as begin a planning process to address the future transportation needs of our community.

Dr. Scott has agreed to attend the regularly scheduled Town Council meeting on May 27. Prior to that meeting Dr. Scott will meet with a group of T-Riders and other community stakeholders representing the Watertown Task Force on Public Transportation to discuss Watertown's transportation needs.

Sustainable Watertown is pleased to announce the formation of the *Watertown Task Force on Public Transportation* in response to concerns about our transit service. The inaugural meeting will be April 24, 2014 at Watertown Free Public Library Trustees Room from 7-9pm. The meeting is open to all. Please bring your opinions and ideas regarding our community's present and future transit needs. The meeting will also serve to plan for Dr. Scott's visit on May 27.

For more background on the issue please read these e-mails to the Council from Joe Levendusky, who lead the call for the Council's appeal to the MBTA. [E-mail #1](#), [E-mail #2](#)