

Sudbury Transportation Committee

Minutes of meeting Thursday, April 20, 2006; 10:00 AM, Sudbury Senior Center

Present: COA Board members Joe Bausk, Pat Mullen and Ben Stahl, Kristin Kiesel Director Sudbury Senior Center, Carolyn Young

Absent: Dave Mortimer

Next meeting: Thursday, May 18, 2006 10:00 AM, Sudbury Senior Center

Issue	Discussion	Decisions/Questions	Next Steps
Minutes of last meeting		Minutes accepted as submitted	
Sudbury Senior Access Update	Currently we have sold 21 books. As of the end of March, 26 coupons had been used, and people seem satisfied with the service.		Kris will advertise the program again to help build up ridership.
MBTA/RTA	Sudbury Town Planner Jody Kablack forwarded an e-mail from ARC regarding an economic stimulus package that would allow Sudbury to join an RTA. We have written to each legislator named, and as well to Sens. Fargo and Resor and rep. Pope urging support for this bill. Bradley Hill called in response, saying he supports this initiative.	Kris alerted the Wayland committee of the need for advocacy on this issue. Kris has spoken to Ed Gottmann to enroll frequent FISH customers for The Ride.	Kris will follow up again with Ed.
Joint Wayland/Sudbury items	The group remembers that Wayland was going to set up a meeting in May with an expert speaker. Kris did e-mail the name of Paul Regan to John Thomas for follow-up.	Kris will remind Wayland that they are supposed to organize the meeting, possibly for the end of May.	
Sudbury Senior Access bid process	Since the Town approved \$5,000 for the subsidized taxi program, we now must go out to bid. Can the bid request indicate that we are looking for the best price, and the	Paul Kenny will help with this. We would like to have bids from more than one company, especially if we could expand the hours that SSA	Joe will speak with Paul, and will set up the bid process.

	best range of services, and just detail the minimums? Who does the advertising? Can we send letters inviting a bid?	is available for people with disabilities.	
Van service expansion	Kris has sent out surveys to the regular van riders, and they are coming in slowly. As of now, Framingham, Stowe and Sudbury are the most requested destinations, and shopping, employment and doctor are high on the list of destinations.	When more info is learned, a decision will need to be made about the new van hours and destinations.	Kris will remind Linda to encourage returns of the survey.
AARP/ITN	Ben showed the committee an article from the AARP bulletin and items from the website. The Article describes a new model for transportation services. When someone decides they can no longer drive, they donate their car to the service. They are entitled to rides with a volunteer or paid driver 24 hours a day at \$8 a mile until the value of the car is used, and then afterwards for \$8 a mile.	With the mix of van, FISH, and taxi, this may not be a program we would like to undertake, but it is a good model to keep an eye on.	
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