

Sudbury Transportation Committee

Minutes of meeting Thursday, June 29, 2006; 10:00 AM, Sudbury Senior Center

Present: COA Board members Joe Bausk, and Pat Mullen, Kristin Kiesel Director Sudbury Senior Center, Dave Mortimer Chair Commission on Disability

Absent: Carolyn Young, Ben Stahl

Next meeting: Thursday, July 27, 2006 10:00 AM, Sudbury Senior Center

| Issue | Discussion | Decisions/Questions | Next Steps |
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| Minutes of last meeting | Minutes of May 18 | Minutes accepted as submitted | |
| Old Business | | | |
| Sudbury Senior Access Update | There has been a change of provider. Since we decided to offer Natick Cab a contract as well as JFK, JFK has withdrawn from the process. Tim Kelly of JFK wants to be the sole vendor, or else he does not want to participate. | Natick Cab rates are cheaper than JFK's (\$3.50 for the first mile and \$2.50 for each following mile, with no gas surcharge) and the hours will be longer (5:30 AM to 10:00 Pm Monday-Friday and 5:30 AM to 6:00 PM weekends). However, there is no wheelchair accessibility. We still hope that Tommy's Taxi will join the provider list, since they do have wheelchair accessible cabs. | Joe will make a visit to Tommy's since they do not respond to telephone messages. |
| MBTA/RTA | Dave asked residents of Musketahquid to apply for "The Ride" and handed out applications. However, no one actually applied. It is a lot of paperwork for the individual, with no gain for them since they cannot get The Ride service in Sudbury. | This may be a moot point, since it looks as if the amount of reimbursement Sudbury could receive would be very low. | |
| Joint Wayland/Sudbury items | Some discussion was held and homework was accepted; see New Business (below) for details. | It will be very important for Sudbury Town Planner Jody Kablack to be involved in and agree with any plans the joint group may make. | The next joint meeting will be on August 2 at 7 in the Sudbury Senior Center. |

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| Van update | <p>Framingham, Marlboro, Wayland and Natick will be added as van destinations. Van service will begin at 8:30 AM beginning July 3, 2006.</p> <p>It will be important for Linda to keep good records regarding mileage, fuel use, oil changes, and rotating tires, as well as lift use and rider stats.</p> <p>Also, David DeForte of Shepherd brothers Buss in Canandaigua, NY 585-455-7715 called. His company is the contractor for our new van. He expects we may receive it between September and December of this year.</p> | <p>We will try to cluster rides by offering a trip to the Framingham/Natick malls every week on one morning, possibly Thursday.</p> | <p>Kris will help Linda set up a good system and be conscientious in using it.</p> |
| New Business | | | |
| Economic Stimulus Package | <p>The state legislature has passed, and the Governor did not veto or alter, a portion of the economic stimulus package (outside sections 70,71, and 72 of H 5057) which permits municipalities to join, create, or change RTAs . . . and the fees they are currently paying to the MBTA will follow the decision to the new RTA.</p> | <p>At the Joint Committee meeting, Framingham Selectman John Stasik said that other communities, including Southboro and Marlboro, have developed viable systems, like the TLC bus system. It might make sense for Wayland and Sudbury to try to join their system rather than to create our own. Combined, we would bring more than \$200,000 to the table to make including us attractive.</p> | <p>Kris will find out the RTAs that surround us.</p> |
| The Weston Connection | <p>Julie Secord from Wayland has been talking with Weston. They have a 20-passenger van. It might be possible to offer a three-town fixed or flex route system up and down route 9 or 20 for passengers in all three towns.</p> | <p>Could we charge a fee for riders not part of our population, but use a pass for seniors and people with disabilities?</p> <p>This is an option that we would prefer to consider once the two-town</p> | |

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| | If there were no passengers, would the van make the loop empty? Is this too much of a cost? | system has been established. | |
| Capacity Building grant | The Crossroads Community Foundation has issued an RFP, due September 5, for \$5,000 to 501(c)(3)s capacity building. Should we write a grant asking for money to hire Moe Kahn from Montachusets as a consultant to set up an outline of a system or help us determine if it is better to join another RTA. | We would want the consultancy to have a clear step by step action plan for us to set up our service. | Kris will call Wayland to see if they agree we should submit a grant, then call Montachusets to see if Mr. Kahn would be available, then write the grant from Sudbury Senior Activities, Inc. |
| Scheduling software | <i>My Senior Center</i> has a ride scheduling module, but not a route planning module. | It would be helpful to get some idea of route planning software that is available. | Dave will call the TLC group to see what software they use and whether it could be shared with us. Pat will go on line and find out about other packages and costs. Kris will call My senior Center and see if their software is compatible with and others. Dave will call The Ride to see what software they use. |
| Dispatcher | If the two towns share a dispatcher, what would that look like? Wayland would pay Sudbury to hire an 18 hour a week person to work mornings to create the day's rides. Our staff would fill in for the afternoons. | Would it make sense to use the two Senior Centers as transfer points? | We need to check the range of our radio. |
| Fixed route, dial-a-ride, flex route | It is hard to know what routing system would work best. What would be the efficiencies of covering the two | Most of the service is delivered to the same few people, going repeatedly to the same destinations, so a lot of | Wayland's GIS system could be a big help in mapping rides in that town. |

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| | towns? | routes could be worked out in advance. | |
| Wayland outsourcing | One model that might work is for Wayland to outsource their service to Sudbury instead of to another vendor. Sudbury would have to hire a driver, a dispatcher, and could use Wayland's van, but would have to add money for the DPW's maintenance work. | | Joe will explore the legalities of this with the Town Counsel. |
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