

Sudbury Transportation Committee

Minutes of meeting Thursday, July 27, 2006; 10:00 AM, Sudbury Senior Center

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

Absent: Ben Stahl, Dave Mortimer Chair Commission on Disability

Next meeting: Thursday, August 31, 2006 10:00 AM, Sudbury Senior Center

Issue	Discussion	Decisions/Questions	Next Steps
Minutes of last meeting	Minutes of June 29	Minutes accepted as submitted	
Old Business			
Sudbury Senior Access Update	<p>Kris reported that the service with Natick Cab seems to be going well so far. The Friends are holding some unexpended money from taxi coupon books that had not been redeemed by June 30, 2006. The coupons will be good until June 30, 2007.</p> <p>Joe reported that none of his calls to Tommy's Taxi have been returned.</p>	The Friends can give the unexpended funds to the Town to be used for the purchaser's share of the taxi rides.	<p>Kris will ask the Friends to write a check to the Town for the unexpended balance.</p> <p>Joe will visit Tommy's to see what's up.</p>
RTA	<p>Kris met with Jody Kablack to discuss the transportation issues. Now that the Economic Stimulus Package has passed, Sudbury can join an RTA other than the MBTA. Jody thinks it would be better to join an existing RTA than to create a new one. Jody belongs to a group of planners for local towns, and among them is Vera Kolios from Framingham, who helped get a grant for their RTA.</p> <p>Kris spoke with the Montachusets RTA, and found out that they do not</p>	The Transportation Committee will work to design a system to link seniors and people with disabilities to a RTA, rather than create an RTA of its own.	Jody Kablack will ask among her planner's group for more information and assistance on the RTA issue.

	do consulting, and that because they are not a contiguous town with Sudbury or Wayland, we cannot join their RTA.		
Grants	Two grants may be available for Sudbury. One is for pollution abatement, and the other is for capacity building (\$5,000 from Crossroads). The latter might be used to hire a consultant for the Wayland/Sudbury project, especially if the Sudbury Foundation could match the funds.	We need to name of someone who could be a consultant on this project.	Jody will find out from Vera more about the pollution grant and names of possible consultants. Kris will write the Crossroads grant, and assist on the other grant.
Scheduling and routing software	Pat found out more about such software. The systems are very expensive, (\$12-\$25,000, with annual fees), and may be overkill for what we need. None of the vendors responded to his e-mails. The new <i>My Senior Center</i> software now installed at the Senior Center does ride scheduling, so the route designing piece is all that is missing.	Other Senior Centers may have something they are using.	Kris will find out if other Senior Centers have routing software, and whether My Senior Center is planning to develop a route planning module. Kris will also find out if the GIS software can do routing.
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. The Sudbury DPW could do the work, or the Wayland DPW could.	Joe explored this with the Town Counsel, and it would be perfectly legal for Sudbury to do this for Wayland, according to MGL 40 paragraph 4a. We would not be ready to do this until July 2007 or later.	
Joint Wayland/Sudbury	Sudbury items for the joint meeting		Kris will call Julie Secord to see if

items	August 2 are: Outsourcing Routing software RTAs Grants Next steps		she has agenda items.
New Business			
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