

Sudbury Transportation Committee

Minutes of meeting Thursday, September 16, 2005; 11:00 AM, Sudbury Senior Center

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

Absent: Chair, Dave Mortimer

Next meeting: Thursday, October 2, 2005 11:00 AM, Sudbury Senior Center

Issue	Discussion	Decisions/Questions	Next Steps
Minutes of last meeting		Minutes accepted as submitted	
Update on Dave Mortimer	Dave reported that he had been hospitalized for emergency surgery, and expects to be out of commission for at least two months		Kris will try to get in contact with Dave and find out what he had been able to do so far on his tasks for the transportation committee.
Paul Kenney's Opinion	Paul Kenney needs to give his opinion about the legality of operating a two-town transit authority.		Joe will talk with Paul Kenny, Town Counsel, to see if in his opinion such a collaboration would be legal.
Current van	Joe has not spoken to Paul Kenney yet about the possible retention of the old van for the use of FISH drivers who are transporting people who use wheelchairs.		Joe will talk with Paul Kenny to see if this use would be approved.
Monday trips	The COA Board has not been asked to decide whether the Monday shopping/luncheon trips will continue after Carolyn retires.	Can these trips be conducted every Monday as usual and still provide other rides on Monday, before and after the trip? There seems to be some demand for medical appointment and other rides on Mondays. Can we meet this need? Perhaps the excursion trips could be held monthly instead of weekly?	The COA Board will be queried at the next meeting about the Monday trips..
The Ride Article	Dave Mortimer may have additional information on this initiative.		Kris will try to contact Dave to see if he has learned anything.

Van Driver Interviews	The first round interviews are scheduled for Friday, September 23. The interview team will be Wayne Walker, Kris, Ben, and Pat.	Joe recused himself from the interview process because his daughter is one of the applicants.	Second round interviews will be held with some of the candidates next week.
Taxi ticket program/Taxi Company Responses	<p>Kris called JFK Transportation. They are willing to work with us on the project, but have no handicap accessible vehicles.</p> <p>Dave was supposed to call Tommy's Taxi, and what he learned is unknown. Ben tried to contact them several times, and did not receive a return telephone call.</p> <p>Ben called the following companies, with the following results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Natick cab would be interested, and has run a similar program with Natick. This company will be sold by the end of the year, but still might be interested in the program. They can take people who use fold-up wheelchairs, but not motorized chairs. ▪ Marlboro City Cab: Not interested ▪ Town Taxi: Not interested 	<p>Would any of these companies give us a break on the cost of rides? Kris reported that JFK charges a gasoline surcharge for private clients, but does not do so for the Wayland Taxi Ticket riders.</p> <p>We would need to contract with the company or companies, specifying the service, and specifying any charges.</p> <p>We will ask the friends if they would be willing to support a taxi ticket program for the remainder of FY 06, and then ask the Town to support the program at Town Meeting in April for FY 07. We will ask a selectman for help in drafting the article. The deadline is December 1.</p>	<p>Paul Kenney would need to look over any contract.</p> <p>Kris will ask Wayland for a copy of their warrant article for the Taxi Ticket program.</p>
Carolyn's thoughts on ridership	Carolyn reports that riders tend to go to a great variety of destinations. She is willing to join the Transportation Committee once she is retired.	In the future, we might schedule one or two grocery shopping days to cluster that service.	When the new driver begins, we will want to put into place a system to track the types of destinations as well as the number of riders. We will distribute a questionnaire to riders asking them where they shop and preferred

			days.
Two-town collaborative	Wayland has not responded to the letter from the Sudbury Board inviting them to explore a collaborative.	Kris reported that due to the Town's fiscal crisis, the Board has other items on their agenda, but that their response was neither yes nor no.	Kris will follow up with Wayland after the Special Town Meeting in November.
State Transportation meeting	This meeting is thought to be a political exercise.	The committee decided not to go.	

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