



Town of Sudbury

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Sudbury Transportation Committee

Minutes

Monday, November 26, 2018

1 PM

Silva Room, Flynn Building, 278 Old Sudbury Road

Core Members Present: Daniel Carty, Carmine Gentile, Susan Iuliano, Alice Sapienza, Beth Suedmeyer

Advisory Group Members Present: Deb Galloway, Scott Nix

Absent: Charlie Dunn, Bethany Hadvab, Daniel Nason

Also present: Jennifer Roberts (Citizen)

Confirmation of Quorum

The statutory requirements as to notice having been complied with, Dan Carty as acting chair convened the meeting at 1:07 PM.

Selection of Clerk to take minutes

Alice Sapienza volunteered to take minutes for this meeting.

Procedural Notice

Sapienza requested the BoS to accept her change in representation on the committee from Cross-Town Connect (CTC) to Sudbury Age-Friendly Ambassador. Galloway and Suedmeyer will be co-representatives of CTC in her stead.

Review Action Items From 11/7/18 meeting

- Carty: Letter of support from BoS for MWRTA grant application (route 20 fixed route): COMPLETE
- Suedmeyer: Request of letter of support (as above) from Steve Senna, National Development: UNDERWAY
- Gentile: Letter of support (as above): UNDERWAY
- Sapienza: Meeting with Dan Fitch of MWRTA: COMPLETE
- Suedmeyer: Confirmation of public procurement process re: TransLoc pilot fee: COMPLETE
- Galloway: Request permission of CoA to use National Development mitigation money for TransLoc pilot fee: COMPLETE
- Carty: Distribute Sudbury use cases and ask for feedback: NO FEEDBACK
- Carty/Suedmeyer: Upload pertinent documents to website: ONGOING

Update on MWRTA Meeting

Sapienza met with Ed Carr, Dan Fitch, and Eva Willens on 11/18/18, to discuss the potential Trans-Loc microtransit pilot (at the reduced rate of \$25,000—till 12/31/18) conducted by MWRTA to provide additional services for Sudbury residents. After consideration of the pilot, MWRTA decided not to pursue it at this time, because of concern over limited operating dollars. Sapienza distributed a summary of that meeting (electronic copy to be posted), as well as possible grant opportunities, and Gentile will follow up with MWRTA, to determine if they might reconsider.

Action item: Gentile to meet with MWRTA in the next few weeks.

Update on Livability Assessment

Jan Mutchler, principal researcher on the Livable Sudbury Assessment, provided a draft copy of the final report to Galloway and Sapienza on 11/13/18. Comments were returned to Mutchler and, in the interim, Sapienza compiled results on transportation for the committee (summary distributed; electronic copy to be posted). These results provide important input to the prior use cases and will allow the committee to set priorities for addressing identified needs. In addition to that compilation, Sapienza also distributed data from the town survey, providing robust approximations for the numbers of residents in the categories that emerged from the Livable Assessment (electronic copy to be posted). Suedmeyer asked about the detail provided in the report; both Galloway and Sapienza said that copious data were available. Galloway and Sapienza will have a conference call with Mutchler on 11/27/18, to discuss the process for publicizing and disseminating the livability assessment final report.

Action item: Sapienza to send electronic copy of Sudbury commuter data from 495 Partnership for posting.

Alternative Transportation Options

The group discussed the use of ride-hailing companies (Uber, Lyft, etc.) as well as local taxi companies, such as Tommie's Taxi (Framingham) and JFK Taxi (Natick). In addition, Sapienza suggested that Dee Bus Company be considered, because they currently bring youth to the Maynard Boys and Girls Club. Nix emphasized the importance of driver instructions if, for example, a ride-hailing vehicle were used for medical transport. Galloway and Sapienza noted that the Community Benefits staff from Emerson Hospital was interested in talking about medical transportation, and a meeting will be set up in early December. In addition to Galloway and Sapienza, other staff from the Senior Center as well as Hadvab and Iuliano will be invited to attend.

Action item: Sapienza will send minutes of an earlier meeting with Emerson Hospital Community Benefits staff to Iuliano, as background to the upcoming meeting.

Member Updates

- With regard to grants for transportation services, Nix stated that Cummings Foundation distributes \$100,000 grants to 100 recipients annually. Sudbury has a Cummings building on Great Road and, thus, is eligible to apply. Such money could be used to subsidize needed transportation, etc.
- Sapienza noted that Weston Senior Center was offering a "Ride-Hailing 101" session this week. Galloway and Sapienza had considered something similar 2 years earlier, when the MetroWest Health Foundation was proposing an Uber pilot (not undertaken).
 - **Action item:** Galloway will talk with director of Weston Senior Center about their program.

- Carty and others discussed the benefit of Charlie Dunn’s presence at a meeting, to provide the perspective of local businesses, especially with regard to their potential support of transportation. For example, Whole Foods and other retailers may be willing to provide a small amount annually, to ensure area employees have reliable transportation to work. The group discussed providing Dunn with a list of issues and questions ahead of a meeting, as well as asking if a subgroup could meet with him at a more convenient time.
- Members talked about possible presentations by Uber and Lyft.
 - **Action item:** Sapienza will provide contact information on the individuals who presented at the Carlisle CoA.
 - **Action item:** Carty and Suedmeyer will make sure no public procurement issues are involved in such presentations.

Discuss and schedule upcoming meeting

Group came to consensus that, because of upcoming holidays, the committee will meet on Wednesday, 12 December 2018, at the Police Station at 2 PM. .

Action item: Nix will communicate the specific room to the group accordingly.

Carty had requested a “hard stop” at 2 PM. Remaining items on the agenda will be addressed at the next meeting, if time allows. Gentile made motion to adjourn, seconded by Galloway. The meeting was adjourned at 2:04 PM.