



Town of Sudbury

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Sudbury Transportation Committee

Minutes

Friday, January 3, 2020

9:30 AM

Sudbury Police Station Training Room, 75 Hudson Road

Core Members Present: Daniel Carty, Alice Sapienza, Doug Frey, Debra Galloway, Adam Duchesneau, Dan Nason

Advisory Group Members Present: Lisa Kouchakdjian, SPS School Committee

Absent: Sandy Lasky, Charlie Dunn, Carmine Gentile, Police Chief Scott Nix, Bethany Hadvab

Guests:

Confirmation of Quorum

The statutory requirements as to notice having been complied with, Dan Carty as Chair convened the meeting at 9:31 AM.

Selection of Clerk

Debra volunteered to take meeting minutes.

Administrative

Dan Carty reviewed the items on the agenda. Discussed what is preventing us from launching? Let's make sure not to let a pursuit of great, be the enemy of something good.

Discussed idea of North Sudbury-Davis Field-Lincoln Train station shuttle, given how scarce parking spaces become at the commuter rail stations.

Community Compact Cabinet Grant

Adam reported that there have been no applicants for the Program Manager position to support the Compact multi-town pilot. They will send the job posting out again now that the holidays are over. They hope also to use social media to advertise.

There is a meeting next week (15 January) with the MAGIC Steering Committee to discuss this and other issues. The meeting will be web enabled, so can be viewed from other offices or home. They are hoping that a part-time employee in one of the towns might be interested in doing it (20+

hours/week). (Towns: Acton, Concord, Stow, Bolton, Weston (non-MAGIC region), Sudbury) The position would be a contracted position, not an employee of the town, but would report to Sudbury (as lead town). It was noted that some of the job description language indicates the position is an employee position; wording will be revised to say contractor or consultant. There are no benefits associated with the position.

The IMA (Intermunicipal Agreement) was last reviewed by the Sudbury Select Board in mid-December; comments are accepted until mid-January.

Uber Agreement

Discussion ensued regarding the Uber Service Agreement. Alice reiterated that Uber has indicated that they cannot provide WAV (wheelchair accessible vehicles). Adam to ensure that most updated versions of these agreements are reviewed by legal counsel and finished up. The waiver will be part of the GO! Sudbury application and the agreement will go to Uber for their final review.

Alice noted that two issues are still to be negotiated with Uber: (1) whether Uber can use the Sudbury logo and case study for its marketing purposes (agreement language now states there must be approval of Town counsel), and (2) that Sudbury will not automatically continue the pilot but will examine results and determine future partnerships.

We are making sure to include that Uber is not a “preferred provider” for the under 18 riders or the WAV riders.

The Uber agreement was sent to the Transportation committee by Alice and again by Dan during the meeting. Committee members are urged to review it and provide feedback if needed.

The agreement is close to a final draft, review and signature.

WAV

Debra noted that the MWRTA may have a small wheelchair accessible van (WAV) available to provide to Sudbury. She is meeting with the MWRTA Advisory Board on January 27 and will meet with the MWRTA staff following that meeting. Carlisle received a small WAV from their RTA and hired a livery company to drive it. Lisa will provide Deb Galloway with a contact at Case Collaborative Transportation in Concord.

It is important to note that for the WAV, on demand may not be in 5 or 10 minutes. There could be a longer wait. We hope to keep the wait time reasonable, however. Yet riders may need to do more advanced planning to minimize wait times.

There was discussion about how challenging it might be for a WAV rider to get to the airport or medical appointment. At times, wheelchair users are gone all day for medical appointments when using the MBTA RIDE.

Go Sudbury Web Sign Up Walk-through

Dan reproduced the walk-through started at the prior meeting on the white board, using the example of veterans signing up for the GO! Sudbury pilot. The starting point posed the question of sign-up: either online, or in person. At this meeting, the group agreed to the following process for those persons who are not able to go online to sign up:

Registration Locations and Responsible Member

Senior Center – Deb

Library – Dan C.

Planning – Adam

Veterans - ?

Housing – Longfellow – Bethany

Coolidge – Deb

Musketahquid – Deb

Frost Farm – Dan C.

Dan C. will add fields on the Google sign-up form that show “who approved” the applicant, and the date, as well as the applicant’s primary category.

There is interest in sharing our story of the GoSudbury! pilot via a “white paper”.

There was discussion of having staff/volunteers enter in the applicant’s information directly to the Google doc application.

A staff person will review the applications, the “proof” of eligibility, and send the applicant data to Uber. Lisa indicated she may have a friend interested in assisting with this process.

Taxi Companies: Alice and Dan to contact Taxi companies to learn about their possible assistance with residents <18 years of age, as well as WAV.

Updates

Sudbury Shuttle Service. Debra reported that the MWRTA may be able to provide the Sudbury Shuttle service along Route 20 that the Senior Center currently offers on Tuesdays and Thursdays through a BayPath Title III Older Americans Act grant. The grantor (BayPath Elder Services) has made it clear that they are not predisposed to continue supporting this service for another year. The MWRTA reports that they believe they can provide midday shuttle service using the same van that they use for the Route 20 Commuter Shuttle – which runs Monday through Friday mornings and late afternoons. This would increase the Sudbury Shuttle service from Tuesdays and Thursdays to Monday through Friday. The schedule of the shuttle would need to change from 8:30-3:30 to about 9:45 to 4:00. The schedule change would not cause too much of a problem, and would be more than compensated for by the increase in days per week. We would need to do a lot of outreach to let people know about the change.

Smaller Wheelchair Accessible Van. The other item under discussion is the possible exchange of one of the Senior Center's 3 larger w/c accessible vans (8-11 passengers/ 2 wheelchairs) for a smaller w/c accessible van that would hold 5 passengers, 1 wheelchair. This is of interest as it would help when we are picking up seniors who have narrow driveways, or when the drop off point is a small area. When the drop off area is tight the vans can have difficulty maneuvering and might not be able to bring the rider as close to the door as possible – especially an issue in inclement or icy weather. This new smaller van might also benefit the Transportation Committee *GoSudbury* project... though that is not clear and needs to be discussed with MWRTA. Debra meets with MWRTA staff on January 27 after the next MWRTA Advisory board meeting to further discuss these ideas.

Approval of Minutes:

Alice motioned to approve 12/09/19 minutes, Adam seconded, and the group unanimously approved the minutes.

Next Meeting

The next meeting was set for Jan. 15 at 3:00 PM at the DPW/Engineering Conference room. The following meeting is set for Jan. 21 at 9:30 AM.

Adjournment

Adam motioned to adjourn at 11:11 AM, Alice seconded. Committee unanimously agreed.