



Town of Sudbury

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Sudbury Transportation Committee

Minutes

Friday, August 7th, 2020

10:30 AM

Via Town Zoom Conference Call

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

Advisory Group Absent: Charlie Dunn, Scott Nix, Beth Suedmeyer, Carmine Gentile, Bethany Hadvab, Lisa Kouchakdjian, Ellen Joachim

Guests: Linda Faust, Kay Bell

Confirmation of Quorum

The statutory requirements as to notice having been complied with, Dan Carty as acting chair convened the meeting at 10:35 am. A quorum was confirmed.

Selection of Clerk

Doug volunteered to take meeting minutes.

Update on Uber and taxi companies' legal agreements and safety protocols

Adam had a short call with Greg at Uber regarding next steps in the combined town/Uber review of their Dashboard agreement, and another round of changes from Uber has been sent to Sudbury town counsel for review. Progress is being made and a suggestion was made to meet weekly to get contract completed.

Adam discussed using mitigation funds for emergency cab service, which is GoSudbury approved. Dan thought BOS would approve, if approval were required.

Debra suggested COVID safety language be included into contract language.

MAPC COVID-19 Taxicab, Livery, Hackney Transportation Partnership Grant

Alice provided an update on the grant application. We're still awaiting notification of funding. Alice saw a screen share that indicated Wayland had received MAPC money for Tommy's and JFK taxis. Alice observed Wayland's age restriction in 60-plus, while Sudbury's is 50-plus and also includes vets, financially challenged and disabled residents.

Alice suggested the town provide funding for a limited period of time before we hear from MAPC, since taxis are more expensive. The BOS has approved \$20k. Debra expressed there is a significant demand among seniors for medical appointments and that taxis are safer from a sanitation standpoint than Ubers.

Alice suggested we use \$5k and offer service on first come, first served basis until funds run out. Dan asked if it could be set up and Adam responded that it will depend on contracts being finalized.

Alice thanked Debra, Sandy and Doug for completing drafts of communication material and Debra agreed to contact cab companies, both to let them know we are considering a stopgap town-funded program and to fill in missing info, such as how many children could be transported with a parent in the cab.

Linda F. asked if service could be used for grocery shopping or Town Meeting and the answer was yes. Debra said the Sr Center van may be available soon if training and sanitation issues are resolved.

We discussed the communication material and Sandy asked how it would be distributed. Debra said it would be provided to 3 main housing units, newspapers and other outlets.

Alice moved to allocate \$5k of the mitigation funds to the cab company emergency service, Doug seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Town and School Reopening Challenges with COVID

Alice discussed a meeting about Sudbury day care and schools with Bethany Hadvab and how transportation will be critical once school year starts. Debra offered to check with cab companies to confirm parents and children are OK to pick up.

Kay B asked if Sr Center van will back to normal service and Debra said it would be once training and sanitation protocols are complete. She mentioned FISH will not be running but there may be an opportunity with DialARide and will investigate.

Alice suggested Dan C. as Chair consider setting a strategy for the new normal and Dan C. thought it was a good idea but suggested the committee focus on the shorter term and make rides available. Dan mentioned if agreements are executed, the committee should meet before the next scheduled committee meeting. Dan C. agreed to look into the reverse 911 service for communication of transportation services when they are in place.

Approval of the July 24th, 2020 minutes

A motion by Dan C to approve the May 8th, 2020 minutes was made, seconded by Dan N. and approved 7-0.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is August 21st, 2020 at 10:30 AM via the town Zoom service

Adjournment

Dan C. moved to adjourn meeting and Alice seconded. The motion was approved 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 11:30am.

