



Town of Sudbury

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Sudbury Transportation Committee

Minutes

Friday, September 11, 2020

10:30 AM

Via Town Zoom Conference Call

Core Members Present: Daniel Carty, Sandy Lasky, Doug Frey, Debra Galloway, Adam Duchesneau

Core Members Absent: Alice Sapienza, Dan Nason

Advisory Group Present: None

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

Guests: Linda Faust, Kay Bell

Confirmation of Quorum

The statutory requirements as to notice having been complied with, Dan Carty acting as chair convened the meeting at 10:33 am. A quorum was confirmed, roll call was taken, and Dan made an announcement that this was a public meeting and the meeting was being broadcast and recorded via Zoom.

Selection of Clerk

Debra volunteered to take meeting minutes.

Town Meeting Transportation

Debra reported that JFK Transportation, in addition to Tommy's Taxi, is also available to transport residents to Town meeting on Saturday. Debra also reported Bethany Hadvab, Town Social Worker, did not know of anyone who needed transportation to the meeting. One rider has reserved a ride to Town meeting through Ana Cristina, Senior Center Outreach Specialist, and she is coordinating that ride to and from Town meeting.

MAPC COVID-19 Taxicab, Livery, Hackney Transportation Partnership Grant and Taxi Program aka "Go Sudbury! Taxi Rides Program"

Adam reported that nearly all of the action items to start the new Go Sudbury! Taxi Rides program are finished (including the signatures on the contract with MAPC), and the Town should receive the

funds from the MAPC Grant within 2 weeks, estimated to be by September 28. Adam will share the links for the Go Sudbury! Taxi Rides program with MAPC.

The group discussed when eligible residents would be able to start taking rides. The Taxi company invoices will be monthly, so we should be able to start the program by September 21 and have funds available for the first invoice at the end of the month. As the weblink for online registration is all set, pre-registration can start now. Ana Cristina can contact people who indicated a great need for transportation over the last few months to let them know how to apply. The group decided that eligible residents will be able to register online next week, and begin booking rides that occur in the following week (September 21-25). Dan Carty will convert the online registration form to a Word document for those who may not be able to sign up online.

Linda Faust wanted to confirm for what purposes the transportation can be used. Taxi rides in this program can be used for medical appointments, grocery trips, employment for essential workers, and other necessary shopping trips.

A motion was made by Dan Carty and seconded by Debra Galloway, to make Go Sudbury! Taxi Rides Program official with rides beginning on September 21. A roll call vote resulted in a unanimous vote to approve.

Dan screen-shared the Go Sudbury! Taxi Rides program news release and minor edits were suggested and approved by the group. Debra will update the release and send it to reporters for the Sudbury Town Crier/MetroWest News (Zane Razzaq and Norman Miller) today, and will send it to a broad listing of local news outlets next week. The flyer for the program was reviewed, and will be updated with a graphic, and then sent along to the housing developments in town, as well as other groups that may interested.

Administrative Items

Adam stated that he scheduled a steering committee meeting of the Community Compact towns for Monday, September 14 and there will be a focus on WAV (wheelchair accessible vehicles). Adam will send the meeting information so that Committee members can join if they so choose.

Approval of Minutes

Dan shared the draft minutes for the September 4th meeting. There were no edits offered. Dan moved to approve the minutes as edited. Doug seconded and minutes were approved unanimously via roll call.

Next Meeting

The next meeting was set for 18 September 2020 at 10:00 AM via the town Zoom service.

Action Items

- Debra will send out the press release to reporters today; and to a broad listing of news outlets next week
- Residents who have requested transportation assistance will be contacted and given information about the Go Sudbury! Taxi Rides program
- Debra will ensure coordination of the taxi rides to and from Town meeting on Saturday
- Dan will work with Adam and Deb to ensure Google IDs can be used by Town staff and the Google Sheet can also be utilized
- Adam will send web link information on the program to MAPC

Motion to Adjourn

Sandy made the move to adjourn and Dan seconded; the motion was unanimously accepted via a roll call vote.