



Town of Sudbury

<https://sudbury.ma.us/transportation/>

Sudbury Transportation Committee

Minutes

Friday, January 29, 2021

10:30 AM

Via Town Zoom Conference Call

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

Core Members Absent: Dan Nason

Advisory Group Present: Lisa Kouchakdjian

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

Guests: Linda Faust, Kay Bell

Confirmation of Quorum

The statutory requirements as to notice having been complied with, Dan Carty as chair convened the meeting at 10:35am. Dan C made an announcement that this was a public meeting and the meeting was being recorded via Zoom and by Sudbury TV for future viewing.

Selection of Clerk

Doug volunteered to take meeting minutes.

MAPC COVID-19 Taxicab, Livery, Hackney Transportation Partnership Grant and Taxi Program a.k.a. the "Go Sudbury! Taxi Rides Program"

Alice mentioned she received correspondence that some rides are "social" and not within the grant guidelines. She pointed out that some health facility names may sound like they are social destinations and we need to be careful in how we categorize rides.

Alice said all rides going forward are to be for medical visits only. There have been no adverse reactions from users. Sandy asked if vaccine visits could be prioritized and Debra asked how we could do that. Linda mentioned she heard Uber give free rides for vaccines and Alice offered to look into that.

Adam updated the financial picture and said we have \$5-6k to spend in February. His office has received several requests for medical visits and will watch the spending closely. He asked if the

mitigation funds could be used to continue to fund the taxi program. Dan C mentioned that the Transportation Committee has oversight of the \$15k in mitigation funds.

Debra provided an update on the COA vans. She hoped they are available soon, but pointed out that they will only go to contiguous towns. She mentioned that Marlboro and Wayland have vaccine sites and are within the area covered by the COA vans.

Dan C commented that since the vaccine appointment is a medical visit, we should consider using the COA vans for these. Alice suggested we approach the COA and ask for more funds. Sandy offered to raise the issue at the next COA meeting on 2/9/21.

Go Sudbury! Uber Program

There is a conference call with Uber today. Debra and Alice will participate. Doug recommended that we ask if Uber's policy on WAVs has changed and if not, are they are working on providing that service in the future.

Alice discussed the 2 page "Welcome to Uber for GoSudbury" flyer. She mentioned the program should be available early March but reiterated that people need a smartphone and a credit card to register.

Ana Cristina currently has 12 riders identified including Linda for the Beta group. All are users of the taxi program. Alice will work with Uber to make sure data is tracked for management reporting to the state.

Debra asked for clarification as to when program will be available as its important to let people know what's available and when. Linda asked about health safety with Uber and Dan C said Uber has policies and procedures that we've reviewed with the Sudbury Health Department.

Alice commented that we can't confirm the program will continue until the financing has stabilized. Dan C. said that when we move from the taxi ride program to the Uber program, there will be a change in dispatch—by the rider, instead of Sudbury staff. However, town staff will continue to collect information on riders and destinations for reporting to the state, and Uber will provide reports on use and cost.

Follow up items:

Debra will follow up with the status of the COA vans

Sandy will follow up with the COA regarding funding for the taxi program

Alice will send ridership report to committee members

Dan C will update Uber sign up form.

Alice will ask Uber if they are offering free rides for vaccines.

Dan C asked Alice and Adam to update Henry on taxi program and Adam mentioned it was included in his monthly report to Henry.

Landham Road and Route 20 Crosswalk

Dan C said he will address the Landham Rd/Rt 20 crosswalk issue with Dan Nason and pointed out there is an additional level of complexity because the intersection is a state project.

Next Meeting

The next Transportation Committee meeting will be Friday, February 5th, at 10:30 AM.

Adjournment

Debra moved to adjourn, Alice seconded and the motion passed 6-0 and the meeting adjourned at 11:29 AM.