



# Town of Sudbury

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## Sudbury Transportation Committee

### Minutes

Friday, June 25, 2021

10:30 AM

Via Town Zoom Conference Call

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

Core Members Absent: Debra Galloway, Dan Nason

Advisory Group Present:

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

Guests: Linda Faust, Kay Bell, Lynn Puorro (SudburyTV)

### Confirmation of Quorum

The statutory requirements as to notice having been complied with, Dan Carty as chair convened the meeting at 10:33 AM. Dan announced that this was a public meeting, and the meeting was being recorded via Zoom and by Sudbury TV for future viewing.

### Selection of Clerk

Dan volunteered to take meeting minutes.

### Administrative Updates

- Dan noted that:
  - Sandy had been named as our MWRTA liaison until Deb Galloway returns
  - Legislation passed to allow us to meet virtually through April of 2022
  - The next Making the Connections meeting would be June 30<sup>th</sup>; Adam confirmed
  - Mary Warzynski will be our advisory member from the L-S School Committee and SPS would take an ad hoc approach – if needed I will work directly with the SPS School Committee Chair
- Brief discussion held whether payment from Town to Uber had been received as well as who is on distribution for said emails
- Dan told Committee that the Town has received \$1264 from the State for the TNC municipal disbursement and that he would inquire with Town Manager and Finance Director as to how that money could be spent.
- Dan noted that he had asked the Select Board Chair for an agenda item to extend the Transportation Committee and its members for another year. Discussion ensued as to when the Committee should present to the Select Board again and the consensus was to try to get on an agenda in the Fall.

### Go Sudbury! Taxi Program

Dan screen shared the document “Go Sudbury! Update” dated 6/24/2021. Ridership details between May 2021 through 6/19 for Tommy’s Taxi and 6/25 for JFK were discussed. Total spend for those periods was \$4970. Discussion ensued on how much money remained and from what sources. Dan asked for clarification on what mitigation money was being discussed and Adam confirmed it was MeadowWalk mitigation money already appropriated to the Transportation program by the Council on Aging. Upon further discussion Dan volunteered to make a visual chart of the money sources and spend to-date if someone can point him to the data.

Dan and Alice updated the Committee regarding their conversations with the owner of Tommy’s Taxi and the complaints we had received. Both reported that the owner acknowledged the issues and reported that hiring drivers was an issue, but she would continue to work with her team. Alice noted that a small number of riders make up a large number of the rides and often they were for medical appointment like dialysis. She stressed with the owner the frailty of some of these riders and the owner acknowledged.

### **Go Sudbury! Uber Program**

Focus was brought back to the document “Go Sudbury! Update” dated 6/24/2021. Alice walked the team through the data for May 21 – June 20. She noted a small number of users accounted for a large number of the rides, and while there were many data points, she wanted to focus on the central tendency so that we as a committee could understand the rider perspective and be able to communicate on the same. The group discussed the cost effectiveness of the program and also noted that it was good to see someone took it to Logan Express. Alice had manually looked up many of the destination addresses and reported that a good number of them were under 5 miles and going to healthcare and shopping locations.

Discussion ensued about the type of information that the Select Board may be interested in and if the origins and destinations were concentrated it could be addressed longer term with a shuttle type service.

Citizen Linda Faust inquired as to the history of a shuttle in Sudbury and also shared some recent history of trying to get rides to CVS.

### **Various transportation options and related chart outlining same**

Dan screen shared the document “SUDBURY SUBSIDIZED TRANSPORTATION ~ SUMMER 2021” and thanked Kay Bell from the Commission on Disability for putting it together. The group reviewed the document and discussed how best to get it out to the public. Dan volunteered to discuss with Town staff to see if someone would be able to keep document up to date. Alice suggested we get copies to the local Clergy Association. Sandy said she would bring it to the Council on Aging as well as the Sr Center. Doug inquired about a Boston Medical van that runs one morning per week. Alice thought it was on the MWRTA website. Linda Faust suggested that we get copies to Town Social Worker Bethany Hadvab, and Alice noted that she has already received it.

## **Long Term Vision and Planning for Transportation Committee**

Dan listed several items the Committee should consider for future discussions.

- The Cold Brook Crossing 40R transportation/shuttle(s)
- MBTA The Ride
- Getting back in front of the Select Board with specific findings from our programs
- Doug had previously brought up Annex Transportation
- Possible presentation to the MAPC

Alice noted that Acton had worked transportation into their Town Budget. Discussion ensued about long term vision of Transportation being handled by staff as opposed to this committee. The group agreed to think about other aspects of longer-term vision and to discuss in future meeting.

## **Meeting Minutes**

Minutes of the 6/11/21 meeting were reviewed, and minor edits made. Motion to approve was made and seconded and approved unanimously by roll call vote.

## **Next Meeting**

The Committee agreed that the next Transportation Committee meeting will be Friday, July 9th at 10:30 AM via Zoom. Adam noted that he would not be able to attend.

## **Adjournment**

At 11:34AM Dan asked for and received a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously via roll call vote.