



Town of Sudbury

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Sudbury Transportation Committee

Minutes

Friday, July 23, 2021

10:30 AM

Via Town Zoom Conference Call

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

Core Members Absent:

Advisory Group Present:

Advisory Group Absent: Charlie Dunn, Scott Nix, Beth Suedmeyer, Carmine Gentile, Bethany Hadvab, Silvia Nersessian, Mary Warzynski

Guests: Ana Christina Oliveria, Kay Bell, Ravi Simon (aide to Carmine Gentile)

Confirmation of Quorum

The statutory requirements as to notice having been complied with, Dan Carty as chair convened the meeting at 10:30am. 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.

Administrative Updates

Dan C said Carmine Gentile was invited to this meeting and may join late.

Dan C welcomed Debra back and thanked Sandy for filling as temporary Sudbury rep for the MWRTA meetings. The next MWRTA meeting is TBD, likely in September or October. Debra will connect with Sandy to debrief. Dan suggested we consolidate notes and ideas for Debra for the MWRTA offsite

Doug asked if a representative from the Commission on Disability was reserved a seat on the MWRTA committee. Debra clarified that the MWRTA Advisory Board reserves a seat for a person representing the disability community, and the representative usually rotates among towns on the board. In the last couple of years, the towns that were responsible did not have one, and the MetroWest Independent Living Center Director filled in as the representative.

Adam said the next meeting of the Making the Connection group was July 28th. Dan C said he'd try to attend for the first hour.

Debra and Ana Christina said they provided advertising for the transportation options to the Senior Center Facebook page and delivered flyers to several apartment complexes and to Sudbury FISH service. Over 234 people were contacted.

Alice commented that minor changes should be made to flyer. Doug suggested someone from the Town staff be responsible for providing revisions. Dan C said he would follow up.

Go Sudbury! Uber/Taxi Program

Alice discussed the Uber project and said we have data for 200 rides and the average wait time for a pickup was 20 to 30 minutes. Alice suggested riders request rides 30 minutes prior to pickup time. Alice reviewed data of rides from June 20th to July 20th. There were 14 users (3 users accounted for 57% of rides), average ride was 17 minutes and average cost was \$19. Alice said Uber may have good data graphics going forward. A map of pickups and drop offs provided by Dan Carty was shown as an example.

Dan C asked for a financial update for Uber usage. Adam receives the invoices and data is available on the Uber dashboard. Spending through June was approximately \$3k.

Alice provided a taxi program update. Cross Town Connect has booked 47 rides in July. There is a difference in CTC rides and the Tommy's Taxi invoices and Alice and Adam will reconcile.

Alice mentioned data are available from MAPC for all towns who received grants. She commented that several local towns (Maynard, Concord, Stow) were having difficulty communicating the taxi service to their residents. Sandy suggested we share our communication material with these towns and Alice said we already have. Alice commended the great people we have at our Senior Center who have spread the word and our website which provides good information.

State House Update

Ravi Simon, an aide to Rep Carmine Gentile apologized for Carmine's absence, saying he was on a field trip and couldn't attend. Ravi said the House and Senate had passed bills approving \$300 mil for transportation, including \$25 mil available for towns like Sudbury without access to the MBTA and other public transportation services.

Dan C commented that the money is available but will expire at the end of 2024. Alice asked if there was an RFP for available money. Ravi said yes and said he'll get a copy to us.

Sandy suggested we make a list of initiatives we could use the money for. Dan C asked everyone to brainstorm.

Other Items

Debra said she received an email from Bay Path regarding more funding available for vaccination trips of approximately \$2k.

Dan C asked about the status of the Senior Center vans. Debra commented that the service was going well, but slow. Medical trips are provided 5 days a week. There has been a direct publicity push using other media, for individuals who don't use web sites.

Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the 7/9/21 meeting were reviewed and edits made. Alice moved to approved edited minutes, Doug seconded, and the motion passed 5-0, with Dan Nason abstaining.

Next Meeting

The next Transportation Committee meeting will be Friday, August 6th at 10:30 AM via Zoom.

Adjournment

Dan Nason moved to adjourn, Debra seconded and the motion passed 7-0 and the meeting adjourned at 11:23 AM.