



Town of Sudbury

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Sudbury Transportation Committee

Minutes

Friday, September 24, 2021

10:30 AM

Via Town Zoom Conference Call

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

Core Members Absent: Dan Nason

Guests: Ana Christina Olivera, Linda Faust

Dan Carty opened the meeting and announced that the statutory requirements as to notice having been complied with, he was convening the meeting. Dan Carty made an announcement that this was a public meeting, the meeting was being recorded via Zoom for future viewing, and therefore there should be no expected right to privacy. He noted that Sudbury TV was present, and the meeting was being recorded for them to use on their website. A roll call was taken and Core members Carty, Lasky, Sapienza, Duchesneau, Galloway and Frey were present. Dan Carty noted that Dan Nason was starting a multi-month class that meets on Fridays so he will likely miss our meetings.

Sandy Lasky volunteered to take meeting minutes.

Dan Carty noted that the Committee was scheduled to attend the October 19 meeting of the Sudbury Select Board and that today's meeting would mostly be devoted to preparing for the presentation.

Dan noted that Spare Labs wants to present to the Committee. They have an app that puts people in touch with local transportation options and may be applicable to the current Go Sudbury programs as well as other options available to Sudbury residents.

The Committee would also like to hear from the Newton Transportation Committee about their VIA Program.

The Committee agreed that both presentations would be scheduled after October 19.

Distribution of Grant Money

The most recent grant provided for a first disbursement of \$50,000 to be evenly distributed across all towns participating on the grant application. The second \$50,000 disbursement cannot be made until 80% of the first disbursement has been spent. As the other towns have not yet started their

programs, Sudbury has requested that they return their unspent allocations so that Sudbury has the money to continue our program and they will take their money from the second distribution.

We are anticipating that there will be a third round of the grants which we will apply for, but we anticipate that the pool of money will be smaller.

There are still funds outside of the grant available to us including funds from Bay Path and Meadow Walk mitigation funds.

Go Sudbury Taxi and Uber

Alice and Doug looked at the people who have registered for the Go Sudbury programs to determine how many have temporary or permanent disabilities. Approximately 50% of those registered fall into this category. These people are also mostly over 50 years. Most of these people need to use our taxi program to gain access to WAV vehicles or to have a driver who can provide physical assistance.

Linda Faust mentioned that voice over screen is not being used by Uber for sight impaired riders, forcing them to use the more expensive Taxi Service.

There is approximately \$30,000 left after September for the Go Sudbury programs. This includes grant money, Bay Path and mitigation funds. We are spending about \$13,000 per month on both taxis and Uber.

After the October 19 presentation, the Committee will focus on options to ensure the continuation of the program, such as vouchers, Town tax levies, business partnerships, and grant funding. We have demonstrated the need for transportation, particularly with our targeted residents. Determining support for future services is critical.

October 19 Presentation

The committee reviewed the first draft of the presentation. It was agreed that the flow and order of the slides made sense and several suggestions were offered to improve or clear up ambiguities. Each member was asked to provide comments on the initial draft, and then Dan will forward a copy of the revised presentation for review prior to our next meeting.

Other

The minutes of the 9/10 meeting were reviewed, and Alice moved to accept the minutes with edits as discussed. Debra seconded the motion. The motion was accepted unanimously by roll call vote.

The next meeting is scheduled for 10/1/2010 at 10:30

Sandy made a motion to adjourn at 11:40. Alice seconded the motion, and it was approved by unanimous vote.