



Town of Sudbury

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

Sudbury Transportation Committee

Minutes

Friday, August 4, 2023

10:00 AM

Via Town Zoom Conference Call

Core Members Present: Daniel Carty, Alice Sapienza, Debra Galloway, and Bob Lieberman

Advisory Group Present: None

Advisory Group Absent: Martha Welsh, Scott Nix, Carmine Gentile, Bethany Hadvab, Silvia Nersessian, Mary Warzynski

Guests: Ana Cristina Oliveira, Lynn Puorro (Sudbury TV) Dani Marni-King Town of Sudbury Sustainability Coordinator, Lind Faust

Confirmation of Quorum: The statutory requirements as to notice having been complied with, Dan Carty as Chair convened the meeting at 10:02 AM. Dan Carty made an announcement that this was a public meeting, and the meeting was being broadcast live via Zoom and recorded by Sudbury TV. He took roll call, noted a quorum was present, and announced that he was making Debra co-host of the Zoom session.

Selection of Clerk: Bob volunteered to take meeting minutes.

Acton Items: Dan summarized the major topics for today's discussion and noted the following would be addressed (not necessarily in the order listed):

- Transportation Management Assoc (TMA) membership
- Finances update and finalize FY 2024 budget
- Commission on Disability appointment of new member to Transportation Comm
- Dani Marni-King presentation
- GoSudbury survey data
- Review minutes

Dan began the meeting by mentioning that the core membership is down by two members, one from the Town Planning & Community Development department and one from the Commission on Disability. Accordingly, as there are four active members, three members present will constitute a quorum. The Commission on Disability is scheduled to meet on August 9th and appoint a new member who will go in front of the Select Board on August 15th for approval.

Annex Update: Alice began a conversation concerning Annex and the first set of data rides. She mentioned that at the onset the rides appeared to be very economical and then there was a shift in cost. There is nothing to look at now, but we will keep an eye out to watch future spending. It was also mentioned that there was a shift in taxi rides from JFK to Tommy's based on JFK's prior contracts with human services organizations. Alice noted that no rides were lost.

Finances: Dan shared his screen noting volume for Uber rides during the month of July and mentioned the costs were like previous months. No other information was available at this time. Dan mentioned that there was just under \$7,000 of funding available from 2022 and will need clarification from the Town Manager if this is a "use it or lose it" situation. With regards to the "MAGIC Funds" – Dan and Planning Department are still looking for information on the remaining \$10,000 that should be coming to Sudbury. Appropriate staff have been contacted, waiting for information.

Sustainability Coordinator Update: Dan introduced Dani and she led a discussion on the Climate Mobilization Action Plan (CMAP). The plan serves as a "strategy toolkit to prepare for the potential changes in the environment, both natural and economic, that might occur." The plan is mobility focused with an aim to reduce greenhouse gases and provide equitable safe access to transportation. Dan shared a slide from Dani's presentation which outlined the relevant areas of focus including energy, resilience, water, governance, mobility, waste, facilities and buildings as well as natural resources. The discussion continued and it was mentioned that there will be a focus on moving as many town vehicles in the fleet as possible to electric with the required infrastructure needed to support that. It was also mentioned that the focus for the committee is to increase funding for the expansion of the Go Sudbury program. Dani mentioned that her background was in planning, and she would welcome the opportunity to help with grant applications and get an added perspective. Bob suggested that perhaps Dani could be an advisory member to the transportation committee, which would keep her up to date on issues, concerns and progress. Dan said that he would follow up with the Town Manager and if agreeable to bring it to the Select Board.

Grants: The discussion then turned to grant opportunities and whether we could partner with the Metro West Regional Transit Authority (MWRTA) acting as lead in this area. Debra continues to work with Jim Nee on this to explore the grant future for the MWRTA. The conversation then turned to possibly partnering with other Regional Transit Authorities (RTA). Dan stated that the CrossTown Connect Transportation Management Assoc (TMA) doesn't exist anymore for the signatory communities, but they are providing certain dispatch services.

Minutes: The minutes of July 14 were reviewed. Alice moved to approve with recommendations noted; Bob seconded the move; approval on roll call was unanimous.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be Friday, August 18, at 10:00AM by Zoom.

Adjournment: Dan moved to adjourn this meeting, Alice seconded, approval on roll call was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 10:56 AM.