



Town of Sudbury

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Sudbury Transportation Committee

Minutes

Friday, July 14, 2023

10:30 AM

Via Town Zoom Conference Call

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

Advisory Group Present: None

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

Guests: Ana Cristina Oliveira, Lynn Puorro (Sudbury TV), Linda Faust

Confirmation of Quorum: The statutory requirements as to notice having been complied with, Dan Carty as Chair convened the meeting at 10:43 AM. There were technical issues that delayed the start of the meeting.

Dan Carty made an announcement that this was a public meeting, and the meeting was being recorded via Zoom and 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: Debra volunteered to take meeting minutes.

Administrative Updates: Dan summarized the major topics for today's discussion—not necessarily in the following order:

- Action Item Review
- Financial Update
- Survey Response Results
- Announcements
- Minutes Review and Approval

Action Item Review:

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.

Alternate Descriptions for Website – Kay Bell is not here to report on this.

Community Transit Grant – Alice will resend full version of the grant to all Committee members.

Using Annual Town Meeting Funds for the CatchConnect Pilot – Dan reported that Town Counsel indicated that Town Meeting might need to approve some small changes in the language of the Article, in order to allow the funds to be used for this purpose. Dan expects there will be a fall town meeting at which time this could be accomplished.

MBTA Assessment – Dan researched the town’s assessment and reported that there is currently no mechanism for finding out if the town receives back the full assessment in terms of services or capital. Deb will look into an annual method for accessing this information and comparing it to what the town receives from MWRTA.

Financial Update:

Dan shared the Financial spreadsheet updated by Shawna Risotti, Planning Dept., with Dan’s additional calculations and graphs. It was noted that all of the June invoices are in. The June invoices total from Taxi companies and Uber are consistent with recent months’ range of \$5,000-\$6,000 up to \$8,000-\$9,000. Dan added enrollment figures to the spreadsheet and noted that Taxi enrollment is now at 220 riders and Uber is at an enrollment of 181 riders.

Dan reported that the GoSudbury services have just about used up the Annual Town Meeting (ATM) funding from FY 22 and will begin to use ATM FY 23 funds soon.

Alice noted that there has been a large shift of ridership from JFK Taxi to Tommy’s Taxi, and she will follow-up to find out more. Ana Cristina shared that JFK’s wheelchair-accessible (WAV) vehicle is being repaired. Alice also plans to doublecheck finances with regard to Annex Transit.

Survey of Riders:

Ana Cristina reported that she has received responses from 33 Taxi riders and 21 Uber riders. Most responses have been positive. Some people mentioned concerns about ride costs and wishing the limits on rides could be increased. Ana Cristina will share the data with Alice who will compile the data so that results can be compared to the previous survey. Alice will also calculate the response rate to see if it is significant enough to end the survey.

Ana Cristina mentioned that when she sends a reminder for people to please respond, all the riders get the reminder, and some have commented. They are wondering why they are being asked again, when they already responded. Dan and/or Alice suggested there is a way to target only non-responders. Ana Cristina will do another reminder and try to target non-responders only.

Ana Cristina noted that she sent out 19 paper copies of the survey questionnaire and received only 2 back. She will contact the non-responders to the paper survey and encourage them to participate.

MBTA Advisory Board:

Dan has joined the MBTA Advisory Board – Budget and Audit Committee.

Via Transit:

Alice suggested the Committee invite Via Transportation, a global public transport, logistics, and Transit Tech company, to attend a meeting. Via provides a system of on-demand service at a low cost. It will be valuable to understand how their system works and whether they could be helpful in the future.

Community Connections Grant:

Alice is ready to begin working on the Community Connections grant process and will engage with Wayland again, as well as other interested towns, such as Lincoln or Concord.

Cold Brook Crossing Shuttle:

Alice and Dan will be meeting with Cold Brook Crossing (CBC) representatives and CrossTown Connect Dispatch on Monday, July 17 to discuss CBC’s transportation plans. There may be opportunities for collaboration. Cold Brook Crossing is a large new development on the north side of town – under the provision of Article 40R. Article 40R stipulates that the developers engage with the town to develop transportation for the new residents – which should result in new shuttles in town.

Review of Minutes:

The draft minutes of June 30, 2023, were shared by Dan and changes reviewed. After discussion, a motion was made by Alice, seconded by Debra, and the Minutes were approved unanimously by roll call vote.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Transportation Committee meeting will be Friday, August 4 at 10:30 AM.

Adjournment:

Alice made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:09 AM, Debra seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously by all the Committee members.