



Town of Sudbury

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Sudbury Transportation Committee

Minutes

Friday, January 19, 2024

10:30 AM

Via Town Zoom Conference Call

Core Members Present: Daniel Carty, Alice Sapienza, Debra Galloway (arrived late), Bob Lieberman, Adam Burney, and Cheryl Wallace

Core Members Absent:

Advisory Group Present:

Advisory Group Absent: Dani Marini-King, Martha Welsh, Dan Nason, Chief Scott Nix, Carmine Gentile, Silvia Nersessian and Mary Warzynski

Guests: Kay Bell Linda Faust

Confirmation of Quorum: The statutory requirements- as to notice having been complied with, Dan as chair convened the meeting at 10:33 AM. Dan 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 a roll call, noted a quorum was present and announced that he was making Adam co-host of the zoom session.

Selection of Clerk: Dan asked Cheryl to take minutes and Cheryl confirmed, yes.

Administrative Updates: Alice declared a need to talk about how to shift people from transportation on Uber to the upcoming MWRTA route 20 shuttle, which was recently funded by a Community Transit grant. She also noted that a plan for shifting people from the taxi to the proposed MWRTA Boston hospital shuttle would be necessary if the shuttle were funded..

Dan announced he had sent transcripts to Bob and Bob had flipped them around and done minutes. Some edits were sent to Deb, compiled, sent back, and finalized. Dan announced the group was now up to date on minutes.

Dan spoke of the Mass Development grant extension and had been in communication with town manager Andy Sheehan. Neither Andy nor Dan had any contact back from Corliss. Adam reported he had spoken to her directly and that she had received the paperwork from Stow. He also said he'd be reaching out to Stow to find out if she had contacted them before the next transportation committee meeting. Dan concurred and confirmed an intent to communicate with Acton, Bolton, and Stow.

Finances: Finances were discussed, and Bob asked about the current Community Transit grant local match from Sudbury of \$17,000 that will be rolled into the current funds. Adam stipulated that a new contract may be necessary due to the Section 9C cuts to the budget. Dan stated the initial grant of \$125,000 would be cut in half to \$62,500 and that he would contact state representative Gentile in April and hopefully an extension into the next fiscal year could be made.

Deb said contact with Annex Transportation was made regarding their insurance and spoke to Francis Mugo about an issue of lack of payment. She reported rider experiences of having up to a two hour wait for rides from Annex via CrossTown Connect (CTC) dispatch. Discussions about whether a \$5,000 fee for membership in CTC was necessary or not was unconfirmed.

Dan and Adam discussed reaching out regarding the Mass Development grant to Bolton, citing that according to the records remaining funds for Acton would be \$3350, Concord would be \$2600 Maynard would be \$1400 and Sudbury would be \$2650. Adam made a motion that the distribution of \$10,000 of "Magic Transportation Money" between the four towns based on percentages related to population. Deb seconded the motion; a roll call was made, and all voted aye. Dan and Adam concluded an invoice for the amount discussed should be created and then paid as a vendor by the transportation committee.

Dan announced the transportation committee would need \$50,000 to keep the programming running as is. He noted that \$62,500 of state money was coming, and the expectation was that the Mass Dev extension would roll over.

Transit Issues: Deb brought up the problem of Go Sudbury riders without credit cards and their inability to book trips. A discussion progressed about providing Uber gift cards or prepaid visa gift cards to riders without credit cards.

Dan announced progression of the annual report, including addendum, financial tables, and funding sources. Adam motioned to accept the annual report with the proposed edits. A roll call was made, and vote was passed unanimously.

Minutes: A motion to move to approve the Friday, January 5th minutes was made by Alice and seconded by Dan. Roll call was made and all voted aye. Adam discussed an email from Emerson Hospital inquiring about transportation options via the Go Sudbury website and noted the website was archived.

Next Meeting: The next meeting was scheduled for Friday, February 2, at 10:30 AM via Zoom.

Adjournment: Dan asked for an adjournment, Bob moved, and Adam seconded. Roll call was made and vote was unanimous.