

**Sudbury Transportation Committee
Minutes
Friday, April 12, 2024
Via Town Zoom Conference Call**

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

Core Members Absent: Adam Burney

Guests: Linda Faust, Kay Bell, Sudbury TV

Confirmation of Quorum: The statutory requirements, as to notice having been implied 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 topics: Dan announced there would be no financial update as all the numbers were not yet received. Dan announced he has the responsibility to respond to emails to the committee, including civics class students from the middle school. Dan did ask if anyone would like to talk to any of the kids doing civics projects he'd be happy to send out contacts.

Dan noted that Sudbury Doing Good had scheduled an event in November and said in a future meeting getting involved would be worthwhile as previous events had been successful. The possibility of having a table at the event was also broached.

Dan brought everyone up to speed on Adam's updates. The intention to extend the agreements with JFK, Tommy's Taxi and the Annex were noted. State Representative Gentile's office was contacted and his employee. Rep Gentile has filed an amendment to the annual budget. Amendment #65 to House Bill 4600 will allow extension into the next fiscal year, which is the end of June. An expectation of approval was expected by April. Expectations were to spend down the first-year mark as quickly as possible to align with the end of the fiscal

year were noted. Current utilization of town meeting money instead of the state mark money were adjusted. The original mark was for \$125,000 with the Governor cutting that in half to approximately \$62,500.- Half of that money was received in the amount of \$31,250 and needs to be spent first. Assurances that Adam was on top of the financials and the proper spending was confirmed along with continued correspondence with Carmine Gentile's office.

Transit Issues: ~~Dan stated intent to purchase a van for Catch Connect.~~ The Magic money of \$10,000 paid to Concord was returned due to lack of providing the services we believed were rendered. Consequently, that money would be returned but the other towns that were paid were Bolton, Stow, and Sudbury. Redirection of that money will go back into the system.

Dan spoke of contact to the Town IT director regarding a communications blast. 12-15 groups will be contacted through Constant Contact. Adam and Dan mentioned communications with the Chamber of Commerce and Rail Trail Committee and the potential of a joint meeting in the future. All requirements regarding reporting the ARPA funds have been done. A discussion of the entirety of the area covered by Catch Connect was discussed ~~seen~~ with possible extensions to Wayland and Maynard. Potential extensions into MWRTA network were mentioned.

Potential points on the Catch Connect route such as ~~Clearbrook~~ Cold Brook Crossing and the Senior Center were mentioned at connection points to ~~other~~ the MWRTA networks and possibly something that could be added to the program in a Phase 2 scenario. Deb noted that riders did not need to download an app to use the service as a phone number was all one needed to schedule a ride. The first month of the program beginning on July 1st will be free and then will cost \$2 per ride. The lower age limit of 12 was established and any resident of Sudbury is qualified to use Catch Connect. The running schedule will be Monday through Friday from 12 -6 and the cost of running the service is approximately \$100 a ~~day~~ hour. Discussion of a mailing within Sudbury was also discussed again and a way of making sure everyone was notified of the new service. Hopefully, the local news sources will also ~~announce~~ announce the program as well.

Committee members that needed to apply for renewal/reapplication should fill out the online form.

Minutes: A motion to move to approve the Friday, March 22, 2024, minutes was made by Alice, seconded by Bob, and approved unanimously.

Next Meeting: The next transportation committee meeting would be on Friday,

~~March 22~~, April 26, 2024, at 10:30am to which all agreed.

Adjournment: Dan asked for an adjournment, Deb moved, and Alice seconded. Roll call was made and was unanimous.