



Town of Sudbury

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Sudbury Transportation Committee

Minutes

Monday, June 24, 2024

10 AM

Via Town Zoom Conference Call

Core Members Present: Daniel Carty, Alice Sapienza, Bob Lieberman, Debra Galloway, (joined at 10:16) and Cheryl Wallace

Core Members Absent: Adam Burney

Advisory Group Present:

Advisory Group Absent: Martha Welsh, Dan Nason, Chief Scott Nix, Carmine Gentile, Dani Marini-King, and Maura Carty

Guests: Linda Faust Sudbury resident, Lynn Puorro (Sudbury TV)

Confirmation of Quorum: The statutory requirements as to notice having been met, Dan as chair convened the meeting at 10:06 AM. He made an announcement that this was a public meeting, and the meeting was being broadcast live via Zoom and recorded by Sudbury TV. Roll call was taken, a quorum was present. Dan a noted that he had a hard stop before 11 AM.

Selection of Clerk: Bob was assigned the duties of Clerk for the meeting.

Administrative Updates: Dan began the meeting noting that membership terms for certain committee members were extended for an additional period of one year. There was a communication from Town staff as to the completion of forms for Code of Conduct and Communications Policy and Certificate Of Receipt Of Open Meeting Law Materials to be completed and returned to the Town clerk. Dan also took this opportunity to thank those who attended the Catch Connect launch. Topics for discussion include the review of finance and funding, the fact that we were one week out on the Catch Connect launch and the status of the Boston hospital shuttle for Sudbury, Wayland and the MWRTA. Dan mentioned some follow-up items that Alice and Debra were working on including information sessions at certain housing developments in town, Uber co-pay concerns, MWRTA getting Catch Connect on their website and to touch base with Jim Nee from the MWRTA on the hospital shuttle

Boston Hospital Shuttle: In follow up conversation with Jim Nee, Alice updated the committee. She shared materials with Julie Secord, CoA Director of Wayland, and noted the shuttle launch will begin on August 6, 2024. It will run Tuesday through Thursday from 8:30 AM until 6 PM and the service will

pick up and drop off Sudbury and Wayland residents only at their homes (there will be opportunity for others to board the shuttle at a place TBD). There will be three round trip runs per day and riders can book reservations two weeks in advance or at least 24 hours—to the hour of their appointment.

Mass Development Final Report: Dan shared his screen and Alice reviewed the Mass Development final report draft she prepared. It was noted that other towns were slow to respond, and the committee agreed we should submit our report now

Linda Faust was recognized: She had asked the committee about placing reservations for Catch Connect and more specifically about return trips. Alice mentioned that reservations are booked for each individual trip via the Catch connect App or by phone. A call would need to be placed and dispatch would advise as to timing for pickup based on availability.

Catch Connect Launch Event: Debra updated the committee concerning site visits for certain housing developments and a planned visit at Coolidge 1 on July 16th that an MWRTA representative will attend this information session. Follow up to other developments including Cold Brook, and Musketahquid is still pending availability. The conversation then shifted to a recent taxi surge in activity and further discussion is needed to urge riders to shift to the hospital shuttle alternative.

Finance Update: Dan shared his screen to review the previously distributed spreadsheet concerning the May 2024 spending. The Go Sudbury earmark in the amount of \$31,250 (50% of the total) has been fully utilized and future spending will be allocated to the 2023 Town Meeting article 14 balance. It is anticipated that there is a sufficient fund balance to run the program through May of 2025. Alice raised a question concerning the current copay structure for taxi services and Debra mentioned that we will look for other options. A follow-up discussion will be necessary after the launch of new programs to assess if there is a reduction in the number of taxi rides. Dan mentioned some anomalies in his review of the data that would need further analysis.

Minutes: Two sets of minutes (May 17 and June 10) were reviewed. After discussion of proposed changes/edits, Alice moved for approval of the 5/17 minutes with suggested edits.; Debra seconded; roll call was unanimous approval. Bob moved for approval of the 6/10 minutes with suggested edits. Alice seconded; roll call vote was unanimous approval.

Next Meeting: Dan proposed that our next meeting be held on Friday, July 12th at 10:30 AM via Zoom.

Adjournment: Dan proposed we adjourn the meeting. Alice moved to adjourn at 10:48 AM; Debra seconded; roll call vote was unanimous adjournment.