



# Town of Sudbury

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## Sudbury Transportation Committee

### Minutes

Friday, August 9, 2024

11 AM

Via Town Zoom Conference Call

Core Members Present: Daniel Carty, Alice Sapienza, Bob Lieberman, Cheryl Wallace

Core Members Absent: Adam Burney, Deb Galloway

Advisory Group Present:

Advisory Group Absent: Martha Welsh, 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 11:03 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 of the quorum present.

**Selection of Clerk:** Dan was assigned the duties of Clerk for the meeting.

Dan began the meeting noting that the state budget had passed and that his understanding based on communication with Representative Gentile's office was that regional transportation fare free funding was part of the passed budget but the second half of the state earmark money, \$62,500, was not. He shared a photo sent in by Alice showing the Catch Connect van at Shaw's Supermarket; Alice added that she observed multiple passengers on the van and stated that the ridership thus far had the MWRTA "gob smacked." Alice suggested that an article be written for local press regarding the success of the program thus far. Dan agreed and offered to work with town staff on the same. [It was observed that Dan was having connectivity issues; he announced that he was turning off his video in order to preserve his audio connectivity.] Dan asked Alice to forward any ridership information she had received from the MWRTA for addition to the article.

Dan reported that he had communicated with Adam Burney about a possible revolving fund and that while a good idea it would take town meeting action for establishment. He added that it was not required at this point as we could continue to use existing accounting methods for the time being but that it could be discussed in advance of the next town meeting.

Dan noted that Deb Galloway was ill and not able to attend today's meeting. He reported that she was going to reach out to Whole Foods and Stop and Shop in Wayland about possibly using their parking lots for the hospital shuttle. Alice corrected him and said she was only reaching to Whole Foods and perhaps Town Manager Sheehan could add his voice to her request.

Alice next discussed the hospital shuttle and noted that partners in Wayland stated that one of their riders wanted to go to Tufts Medical Center which was not on the shuttle stops list. She suggested they discuss with Jim Nee of the MWRTA as the actual order of stops would be dependent on who is requesting stops on that particular day. Discussion ensued regarding the proximity of Tufts relative to other stops.

Alice next discussed taxi ridership for July. She said she did not have data ready to present yet but that ridership was still high, and action would be required to move riders from the taxis to the shuttle. Bob asked for confirmation of high taxi volume and Alice confirmed.

Dan stated that he had received information from Deb regarding the difficulty of collecting co-pays for taxi rides at the Senior Center. He suggested this discussion be tabled until Deb is able to attend. Alice asked that the members look at how neighboring towns perform this task, noting that Weston has an arrangement with JFK Taxi to manage it for them. She also suggested vouchers may be an option. Bob concurred that working with the taxi companies may be a viable option.

Linda Faust of 189 Boston Post road was recognized for comment. Ms. Faust expressed concern with the height of the step on the Catch Connect van and the possibility of getting a call back from MWRTA on a different phone number. Dan stated that he would pass this feedback along to the MWRTA.

Dan tabled the review of minutes until next meeting.

Dan proposed that the next meeting be held on Friday, August 23rd at 10:30 AM via Zoom.

Dan proposed the meeting be adjourned. Bob moved to adjourn at 11:26 AM; Alice seconded; roll call vote for adjournment was unanimous.