



Town of Sudbury

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Sudbury Transportation Committee

Minutes

Friday, November 1, 2024

10:30 AM

Via Town Zoom Conference Call

Core Members Present: Daniel Carty, Debra Galloway, Alice Sapienza, Bob Lieberman, Cheryl Wallace, Adam Burney

Core Members Absent:

Advisory Group Present: None

Advisory Group Absent: Martha Welsh, Chief Scott Nix and Carmine Gentile, Maura Carty

Guests: Jill Dube (Sudbury Sr Center), Linda Faust (Sudbury resident)

Confirmation of Quorum: The statutory requirements as to notice having been met, Dan as chair convened the meeting at 10:30 AM. He made an announcement that this was a public meeting, there should be no expectation of privacy, and the meeting was being broadcast live via Zoom and recorded by Sudbury TV. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was present. Adam agreed to be co-host.

Selection of Clerk: Dan volunteered to take meeting minutes.

Administrative Updates: Dan introduced Jill Dube, the new Outreach and Assistant Director at the Sudbury Senior Center. Jill introduced herself and she was welcomed by committee members. Adam gave an update on the MAGIC region meeting he had attended earlier in the week, which primarily focused on finances as well as transitioning away from the traditional hub-and-spoke transportation model. Dan mentioned the upcoming Sudbury Doing Good festival on Saturday Nov 2 and what materials would be available to hand out; Alice stressed the importance of communication to the public, particularly regarding the hospital shuttle. Dan mentioned that the rider survey had been released, 40 responses had been received thus far, and that he would add Deb, Alice, and Jill to the corresponding reports.

Agenda Updates: Dan stated that he had a hard stop at 11:30 and thus hoped to move swiftly through the meeting. He stated he wanted to review the monthly financial metrics, prep for the upcoming meeting with the Select Board, and if time allowed begin talking about how taxi vouchers might work.

Go Sudbury Finance Dan shared his screen and showed the GoSudbury financials to date through the end of October 2024 as well as recent signups. Dan inquired with Adam regarding the status of the state earmark money and Adam responded that he would be submitting for reimbursement within the next week or two.

Select Board Presentation. Dan stated that the Select Board would be meeting on Wed Nov 6 and that Transportation was on the agenda for discussion. He screenshared draft presentation slides for discussion. He outlined how he expected the conversation to flow. Minor grammatical and spelling errors were discussed. Other topics discussed and in some cases slides edited included the average cost of Uber rides, money spent to date, funding sources including grants received, total number of rides, value of data collected, ARPA funds, and the MWRTA Catch Connect and Hospital Shuttle ridership and related metrics. Discussion pivoted to grant availability and writing, then to recommendations including possibility of involving the Town Social Worker or other staff for a “safety net” program and continuing the MWRTA services. Adam stated that he did not believe we needed to have details at this point; rather, conceptual outlines. Discussion ensued regarding the MBTA & MWRTA assessments to Sudbury as well as future costs or related services. Alice noted that Sudbury was the only non-Regional Transit Authority that received Community Transit Grant program funding in this past cycle and thought that would be important to mention. Adam suggested requesting consideration for a Transportation revolving fund. Possible future study areas were discussed next, including train shuttles and bike share programs. Members suggested the volume of information on the Master Plan be trimmed back in the presentation and instead focus on more immediate actions and requests. Discussion ensued regarding the GoSudbury remaining funds and how long the program may continue. Adam suggested asking for remaining ARPA funds.

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Minutes were tabled until a future meeting due to time constraints

Next Meeting:

The next meeting was set for 10:30 AM on November 15, 2024, via Zoom.

Adjournment:

Dan asked for a motion to adjourn; Adam responded, and Alice seconded the motion. Roll call was unanimous, and the meeting ended at 11:33 AM.