



# Town of Sudbury

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## Sudbury Transportation Committee

### Minutes

Friday, February 14, 2025

10:30 AM

Via Town Zoom Conference Call

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

Core Members Absent:

Advisory Group Present:

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

Guests: Kay Bell(Sudbury resident) and Linda Faust (Sudbury resident)

**Confirmation of Quorum:** The statutory requirements, as to notice having been met Dan Carty as chair convened the meeting at 10:31 AM. Dan Carty 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.

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

**Public Comment:** Kay Bell, Old Lancaster Road, stated the town should consider hiring a transportation coordinator.

**Administrative and Action items:** Dan noted that he made Adam cohost for the meeting and that Alice would have to leave at 11:15AM. He next reviewed action items from the previous meeting, noting that the FlashVote had alterations to one question and thus the delay in going out. A letter from a rider rider, stating they were thankful for the services, was shared with the committee.

**Finances:** Dan noted that the full January finances were not yet available, but he shared out the summary that Alice had sent committee in advance. Uber costs for January were \$2,124 and taxi rides were approximately \$7,000.

**3 Month Uber Catch Connect Hospital Shuttle data analysis:** Next Dan shared a spreadsheet showing 3 months of Uber data analyzed for overlap with Catch Connect. In summary 14 of the 306 Uber

rides could have taken Catch Connect and 26 rides may have been serviced by the hospital shuttle. Bob noted this was approximately 13% of the Uber rides. Discussion ensued about the small overlap in services.

**MWRTA Grant Opportunities:** Dan stated that he had reached back out to Jim Nee of the MWRTA about possible grant opportunities; however, Jim said there were not many grants to put in for at this point in the year and that the Catch Connect and Hospital Shuttle programs were likely to expire before more grants became available. Alice noted the Worcester Regional Transit Authority was expanding using Via services. Dan screenshared a document about Northborough using Via. Dan offered to reach out to Northborough; Cheryl said she had a connection there and would establish contact. Linda Faust raised her hand and asked for clarification on the availability of grants.

**Possible Voucher Options:** Dan screenshared a document regarding voucher options that Deb spoke to. Deb stated that a simplified plan would have eligibility similar to what is used for the senior center van; people 60 or over or over 18 with a disability. She added that rather than include different zones and pricing we could use a flat fee of \$10 per voucher and keep distance limitations the same. Eligibility forms along with policies and procedures would need to be updated, and an RFP for the taxi service would have to be issued. She also stated that having a dedicated staff person for transportation would be vital. Dan asked how vouchers would be purchased and Deb stated she thought they could be ordered over the phone then mailed out. Dan and Adam agreed to meet with the Town Manager to discuss options. Adam noted that we would have to make a decision about dispatch within the next 60 days. Linda Faust raised her hand and commented that she was concerned with a possible gap in services.

**Minutes:** The January 31 minutes were reviewed with edits, Adam made a motion, and Alice seconded the motion, to approve the Jan. 31 minutes as edited. Vote was unanimous for approval.

**Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be Friday, March 7, at 10:30 AM.

**Adjournment:** Adam made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:31 AM; seconded by Dan and voted 5-0 (Alice had left meeting shortly before). Adjourned at 11:39AM