



# Town of Sudbury

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## Sudbury Transportation Committee

### Minutes

Friday, June 30, 2023

10:30 AM

Via Town Zoom Conference Call

Core Members Present: Daniel Carty, Alice Sapienza, Kay Bell, Bob Lieberman

Core Group Absent: Debra Galloway

Advisory Group Absent: Martha Welsh, Scott Nix, Carmine Gentile, Bethany Hadvab, Silvia Nersessian, Mary Warzynski

Guests: Ana Cristina Oliveira, Lynn Puorro (Sudbury TV), Linda Faust

**Confirmation of Quorum:** The statutory requirements as to notice having been complied with, Dan Carty as Chair convened the meeting at 10:32 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. He took roll call, noted a quorum was present, and announced that he was making Kay Bell co-host of the Zoom session.

**Selection of Clerk:** Dan volunteered to take meeting minutes.

**Acton Items:** Dan announced that he expected today to be a quick meeting and then reviewed action items from previous meetings:

- CTG grant is submitted and will be discussed later in meeting
- Agreement extensions with Uber, JFK Transportation and Tommy's Taxi are complete
- CTC dispatch invoice has been addressed
- Taxi riders are complying with caps
- Ana Cristina reported that a survey had been sent to riders, responses were starting to come in, and we would review in a future meeting
- Dan reported that he still had to work on the Uber data parsing i.e., automatically tell if origin or destination was a medical facility
- The \$10,000 of Minuteman Advisory Group on Interlocal Coordination (MAGIC) money was still open and was being research by the Planning office. Alice noted that we would not be able to appropriate it without discussing with participating towns.
- Kay was to meet with the Commission on Disability with regards to the alternate text descriptions for the website

**Public Comment:**

Linda Faust of 189 Boston Post Road inquired if Ana Cristina had received her survey response. Ana Cristina responded in the affirmative.

**Financial Update:**

Dan reported that there would be no financial update today as there have been no updates since last meeting

**Community Transit Grant (CTG):** Alice reported that the grant had been submitted and thanked everyone for their contributions. She reported that she would send the completed version to committee members. She added that it was a difficult grant application and while training was offered it was not fully sufficient and noted that Rachel Fichtenbaum from the Department of Transportation was particularly helpful. Alice then described a discussion held with Town Manager Andy Sheehan prior to submittal regarding the local match requirement and the Metrowest Regional Transit Authority (MWRTA) assessment and that should we get the grant we may need \$17,000. Discussion ensued regarding using the recent Town Meeting allocation of \$150,000 and Dan noted we may need to act at a future Town meeting to get an allocation to MWRTA. How the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority (MBTA) and MWRTA assessments work was then discussed. Alice described a request she made of Travis Pollack of the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) to have an informal discussion with a number of regional transit authorities and other entities that offer microtransit. The high cost of the MWRTA's CatchConnect service was described in context. Bob asked who was currently responsible for monitoring the MBTA/MWRTA assessment funds and Dan responded he thought it would be the town's Financial Office but would confirm.

Alice reminded the group that the Community Connections Grant was due in December and that while we would not dive right into it we should discuss at a future meeting. Kay asked about involving neighboring towns and Bob inquired about how the financial responsibilities would be divided. The group agreed to discuss these points in a future meeting.

**Minutes:** The minutes of June 14 were reviewed. Alice motioned to approve with recommendations noted. Kay seconded the motion. Approval on roll call was unanimous. Next the minutes for May 12 were reviewed. Bob motioned to approve with recommendations noted. Alice seconded the motions. Approval on roll call was unanimous.

**Next Meeting:** The group decided to next meet on Friday, July 14, at 10:30 AM by Zoom. Kay noted that she may not be able to attend.

**Adjournment:** Kay motioned to adjourn this meeting and Alice seconded. Approval on roll call was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 AM.