

Sustainable Transportation Committee Minutes August 29, 2006

Attendees: Judeth Van Hamm, Kathie Semenchuk, Patrick Guiney, Nancy Kramer, Rhoda Kanet

Introductions

Judeth Van Hamm called the meeting to order. We quickly reviewed July meeting minutes and voted to approve them with some edits. Judeth was also going to look into changing our meeting to 3rd Monday so everyone could attend (checking schedule).

Zero-emissions transit system

Judeth decided to change the order of the meeting and introduce Rhoda Kanet (Lawyer) who is working hard on various parts of getting funding and transportation for trolley etc. We discussed some of the following:

1. Getting funding
2. Finding an entity to manage it
3. Municipal transit comparison – regional or partner with other communities
4. Network with people in up to 20 South Shore communities
5. We will probably need 4 regular buses/trolleys and 1 back up bus/trolley
6. Rhoda said she found out the Town is assessed an MBTA fee whether we use them or not for transportation. School buses and bus to boat are subsidized.
7. Contacting Jay Szklut (Representative to MBTA who no longer works for Hull)
8. Perhaps looking at Cable Communications – Comcast (structure) to find out how they work
9. AA Metro: Having a representative from this company to contact to find out bus routes. Getting the town to put bus schedule and routes on web site. Kathie going to use map of Windmill walk and show routes of bus and times.

Transportation Survey

- 1) Talked about putting Survey in electric bills, Hull Times, buses and boats, Hull Website, Library, Nantasket Pharmacy and Town Hall.
- 2) Nancy Kramer will check on printing and prices for printing survey.

Content of Survey

- (1) Times per week you would use this mode of transportation
- (2) Would you mostly use this transportation for: Boat, Train, Local – Shopping, Beach, Restaurants etc
- (3) Cost --would you pay about \$1.00 for a ride.

Further Discussion of zero-emissions transit

- Describe zero- emissions type of transportation in survey
- A bus/trolley every 15 minutes morning & evening rush hours
- \$50,000 to operate one bus - The operating cost for 4 buses would be \$200,000 per year; with enough people riding the bus we could probably do it for \$1.00 or less.

Discussion of Activities Chart—See Aug. 29 update.

- Newcomer's Club – Janet Bernault: Talked about getting them involved in Walking & Bicycling Buddies as Buddies would be a good way to meet people.