

**TOWN OF SUDBURY
COUNCIL ON AGING
MINUTES OF MEETING
June 4, 2013**

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Present: Chairman: Jack Ryan,
Phyllis Bially, Mary-Lee Mahoney-Emerson, John Beeler, Bob Diefenbacher, Debra Galloway, Robert May,
Sam Merra, David Levington, Carmine Gentile, and Barry David

Meeting called to order by Vice Chairperson, John Beeler. Jack Ryan joined soon after.

Guest: Cynthia Gerry, interim Town Assessor

Cynthia opened a discussion regarding any thoughts the COA members had to aid in the finalization of the template for the Application for the Means Tested Senior Exemption for the Town. A discussion followed and several ideas and suggestions were shared to improve the usability of the template.

Minutes: Minutes of the May 7, 2013 regular meeting were approved as submitted.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. The new Senior Community Work (Tax Work off) Program Coordinator is in place and managing the program
2. A candidate for the Senior Tax work –off is interested in providing skills to a senior oriented TV programs.
3. Deb reviewed May events.
4. In early June we will have a guest to lead a program at the Center who was a NASA manager within the Mercury 11 program.
5. The Center will sponsor a program on how to navigate through Medicare Regulations. It will be using the meeting rooms at the Town library.

Chairman's Report

New Business:

COA Member Focus Areas:

<u>Area of Interest for COA</u>	<u>COA Member(s)</u>
Community Outreach (Use of TV)	John Beeler and Bob May
Senior Housing Advocacy	Carmine Gentile, and Barry David
Intergenerational work	Bob Diefenbacher
Senior Property Tax relief (Survey management)	Mary-Lee (Dave L. as community member)
Community Center Planning	Jack Ryan and Barry David
Senior Center and COA Float	Phyllis B.

BayPath Liaison Report

John reminded the COA that we must update the Nutrition MOU with Baypath to help insure continued satisfactory meals are served.

Baypath is on track with its plan to create a new Website capturing all of their programs for seniors

John has proposed a “Baypath Teddy Bear” program to place a Stuffed animal in police cars to help settle little children if confronted in a crisis.

OLD BUSINESS

Fairbanks Task Force update

Meetings continue at a high frequency so that the funds are made available to go to bid for the design team.

July 4th Float—Phyllis

Work is progressing. Budget was approved at \$550. A request will be made to SSAI to fund the float.

Bob Diefenbacher will again work with James Raffel of the LS staff to do the Business Planning workshop as part of Mr. Raffel’s Econ class. The current year program was again a success with the help of Marilyn and Don Hutcheson. The youth has voted to bring it back next year.

However, the proposal for a new “Sages and Seekers” program is still in development. Bob feels added effort may produce a different result in future months.

MWRTA

Deb, who is advisor for the MWRTA had discussions regarding expanding services in Sudbury. They will manage the repair of our older Van, and upon its end of life replace the Van for us. Discussions continue about the resources needed for making more rides available, and which added services should get priority.

House Bill 2520 Review of Circuit Breaker (s) and how to make more effective for seniors.

Next meeting: The next meeting will be held on July 16, 2013 at 3:00 P.M. at the Senior Center.

A vote for Adjournment was unanimous at 4:45 pm.

Submitted by:



Bob May, Secretary

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ATTACHMENT 1

Possible Agenda Items for future COA meetings

UPDATED 05/20/2013

Carry Overs

<u>First discussed</u>	<u>Topic</u>
June, 2012	*Deb asked for assistance of the Board in putting together a personnel plan for future months and years ahead. This was suggested to be on the July meeting agenda as new business.
October 2, 2012	Town of Sudbury 375 th Anniversary. Active planning underway
January 08, 2013	Barry David and Sam Merra will discuss with Ron Riggert how to further ease the administrative burden of producing their routine reporting and come back to the COA at a future meeting.
May 4, 2013	Update the MOU with Baypath

Senior Center Major Projects

- *Support staff planning. See Deb request above.
- *Volunteers, Volunteers!

COA Responsibilities

- * Long Range Funding plan—Barry
- * July 4th Float- Phyllis, Barry
- * Affinity Assignments

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