

**TOWN OF SUDBURY
COUNCIL ON AGING
MINUTES OF MEETING
March 4, 2014**

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Present: Chairman: Jack Ryan

Bob Diefenbacher, Debra Galloway, Robert May, Sam Merra, John Beeler, Patricia Tabloski, and Phyllis Bially

Absent: Barry David, and Carmine Gentile

Meeting called to order by Chairman Jack Ryan at 3:00 PM.

Minutes of February 4, 2014 were approved.

A discussion of new Police HQ proposal:

James Kelly, Mike Melnick, and Police Chief Scott Nix were introduced to do a review of the updated proposal for a new Police Headquarters Building.

The proposal and its goals as well as the directions Chief Nix plans to move the police force were discussed. The COA gave several suggestions to the team to enhance the proposal and its ability to be understood by citizens across the town. The COA supports the Chief in all his goals but especially to reach out together for better support of seniors and to create a town wide environment where the Police are seen as a resource to the town as well as a capable enforcement agency.

Chairperson's Report

- * The Fairbanks renewal project moves forward with the final recommendations regarding fixing the roof over the School HQ to be made at Town meeting. The project moves onto the next phase after town meeting and the COA must maintain a strong voice in all planning.
- * The nominating committee needs to begin its work to present new candidates for COA. We must propose candidates for the April meeting. The committee consists of Bob D., Patricia Tabloski, and Phyllis Bially.

Director's Report

*Director reviewed several of the March events.

* The MetroWest Regional Transportation Authority has opened discussions with the Director to explore new options for local dispatching of Vans and buses. Bob May volunteered to assist Deb and her team work with the MWRTA. The MWRTA is deferring implementation of this for a while.

Baypath Update: John Beeler.

John reported that Baypath and its services continues to grow.

Bridges Program with the K-8 School system. Bob D. reported a movement of the grade for implementing this program going forward. Choices include using third or fifth.

Means Tested Tax Exemption Report. It was reported by the Director that a reasonable participation resulted in this the first year.

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New Business

We continue to seek more ideas for honoring volunteers who aid our seniors on a regular basis.

Next Meeting:

The next COA meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 1, 2014 at 3:00pm in the Senior Center.

A vote for Adjournment was unanimous at 5:05 pm.

Submitted by:

Bob May, Secretary

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ATTACHMENT 1

Possible Agenda Items for future COA meetings

UPDATED March 17, 2014

Carry Overs

First discussed =====	Topic =====
September, 2013	Updating of Newsletter process and Website. Boston Cane nominee
October 2, 2012	Town of Sudbury 375 th Anniversary. Active planning underway
January 7, 2014	COA must review the purpose and scope of the Annual Senior Luncheon.

Senior Center Major Projects

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

COA Responsibilities

- * Long Range Funding plan—Barry and Bob May

- * Other Affinity Assignments

<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
Community Center Planning	Jack Ryan and Barry David

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