

**TOWN OF SUDBURY
COUNCIL ON AGING
MINUTES OF MEETING
May 06, 2014**

WEBSITE <http://sudbury.ma.us/departments/CouncilOnAging/>

Present: Chairman: Jack Ryan

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

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

Minutes of April 1, 2014 were approved.

Guest: Don Oasis, Friends of Sudbury Seniors

Don, as a representative of the Sudbury Friends of Seniors discussed how currently the Friends' Website was structured as well as their concerns that their content was neither sufficient in scope nor current to draw the readership desired. A discussion followed as to how the two teams could work more closely together to increase the effectiveness of the Friends' Website and offer a more useful communication channel for Sudbury Seniors.

Action: Don was to suggest to the Friends that a "web master" be appointed to allow for straight line communications with the COA and the Director as to our content that we would like on the Website. After the Web Master is identified, Bob May will work with the director to get selected content regarding Senior Center activities onto the website. The goal is to add this Website as another channel of information sharing to our interested senior population using the Web. The COA asked the Director to insure that the Friends Website got proper space in the monthly newsletter when these changes are in place.

Director's Report

*Director reported on:

1. Several of the upcoming May events as well as the many programs in April.
2. Staffing is an immediate issue with a long term illness affecting the office coordinator.
3. The Director's continued discussions with the Park and Rec Director and discussed possible changes to Teen center. Some changes are being implemented: two additional banks of lights overhead, video games to be evaluated for functionality and for how often used, non-functional or unused ones to be removed.

Chairperson's Report

- * Town meeting: Senior Center budget approved as was the hiring of a new Senior Center Staff member to facilitate programs management and other duties assigned by the Director.
- * While no major changes in direction this month, The Fairbanks renewal project moves forward with patching the roof over the School HQ made at Town meeting.
- * The nominating committee made recommendation for two candidates to be presented to the Selectmen. Candidates were unanimously approved by the COA. Nominating committee was asked by the Chairman to give recommendations for improvement in the process.
- * COA confirmed its support of a Float for the COA in the July 4th parade.

Baypath Update: John Beeler.

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Carmine will take over John's responsibilities for the COA in June, 2014. John is leaving the COA but will stay on the Board of Baypath at their request.

Strategic Planning Meeting Deferred.

Final date and time to be set after the new members of COA join in June or July.

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, June 3, 2014 at 3:00pm in the Senior Center. At that date there will be a dinner for all COA, Friends, and Spones. Dinner to occur shortly after the adjournment of the COA meeting.

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 May 31, 2014

Carry Overs

<u>First discussed</u> =====	<u>Topic</u> =====
September, 2013	Updating of Newsletter process and Website. Boston Cane nominee
October 2, 2012	Town of Sudbury 375 th Anniversary. Active planning underway March , 2014 COA recommits to do a Float
January 7, 2014	COA must review the purpose and scope of the Annual Senior Luncheon.
March, 2014	Strategy with the MWRTA. What do we need from them?
May , 2014	COA asked Nominating committee for recommendations for improvement in the process as it always feels rushed and many of the COA do not get inputs.

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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**BayPath Elder Services
Board Meeting Highlights
April, 2014**

Fiscal Year 2015 Budget

The House budget was released on April 9th, and carried through with the higher budget numbers that were in the Governor's budget. Mass Home Care has several amendments out for increases in the Home Care Case Management Account (+/- \$3M), SHINE (\$360,000) and Meals on Wheels (\$700,000). Mass Home Care is also supporting an amendment to include \$6.1 M for the homemaker salary reserve. Ms. Alessandro has contacted many of the Representatives in BayPath's area with a request to sign-on to these amendments.

Caregiving MetroWest

The Caregiving MetroWest website, funded by the MetroWest HealthFoundation, is scheduled to launch on May 16th at the Crown Plaza in Natick. The website is www.CaregivingMetrowest.org. Steve Corso can be contacted for additional information.

Consumer Programs

We have 1,297 consumers in all home care programs, 273 consumers in the PCA program and 614 consumers in SCO. Our consumer programs continue to grow. There is no wait list for home care or ECOP.

EOEA / MASS HOME CARE

We are receiving referrals for the Long Term Supports Coordinator in the One Care plans. Auto enrollment for this program began on April 1, and the enrollees are at a higher acuity level, so we are anticipating a greater number of referrals.

Ms. Alessandro is speaking with local housing authorities regarding the expansion of the supportive housing program to new areas in the next fiscal year. One requirement of the site is to have a meal program, which limits which sites we may consider. It is expected that Elder Affairs will develop a Request for Proposals soon.

In order to comply with certain provisions under the Affordable Care Act, the Executive Office of Health and Human Services has developed a certification program for entities who assist individuals with Medicaid applications. Non-profits, such as ASAPS and Community Health Centers, must apply to become a Certified Application Counselor organization. BayPath will be looking into the certification program.

Area Agency on Aging

This year we will grant out approximately \$80,000 in Title III-B funds and \$6,000 in Title-D funds. Title III-E, Caregiver is yet to be determined. In order to appropriately fund our internal

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resources, we must decide yearly how much funding needs to be kept in-house for our operations, such as information and referral.

Agency Other

BayPath will hold its Annual Meeting on Friday October 31st at the Marriot in Marlborough.

The new congregate meal site at Framingham Housing is going very well. Held on Tuesday and Thursday, about 20 individuals attend each meal.