

TOWN OF SUDBURY
COUNCIL ON AGING
MINUTES OF MEETING
January 6, 2015

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

Present: Chairman: Jack Ryan

Members: Bob Diefenbacher, Robert May, Patricia Tabloski, Alice Sapienza, Carmine Gentile, Barry David.

Excused: Debra Galloway, Elizabeth Ingersoll, Phyllis Bially.

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

Minutes of December 2, 2015 unanimous approved.

Guests: None

Directors/Chairman's Report/Fairbanks Community Center Update (Ryan): 1. Open meeting law requirements discussed and explained to the Committee. 2. D. Galloway has submitted a report that Joel Bargmann has assumed responsibility for the planning process. He has expanded the footprint and included more dedicated space for Sr. Center and Parks & Rec, separate arts and computer spaces for P & Rec and Sr. Center, and a larger community room that can be used by both as well as open for town activities. Draft of plans will be shared with the Sub-Committee of the Fairbanks Task Force, the Fairbanks Task Force, and then at a Town Forum (1/29/15, date may be subject to change). Chairman Ryan feels that momentum is building and the community center will move forward. 3. D. Galloway submitted a report of a meeting with MWRTA staff to discuss joint grant application for expanding and coordinating transportation services.

BayPath (Carmine Gentile): Report of 12/17/2014 Board Meeting presented (See Baypath Attachment). Budget cuts have forced the formation of a waiting list for home services with the most needy continuing to be accommodated. Carmine reported that he was advised that his continued service on the Baypath Board might be a conflict of interest in his role as State Representative and he will resign from his seat on the BayPath Board. P. Tabloski unanimously elected to replace Carmine as the BayPath/COA Board member.

Town Meetings articles -

Vote on Property Tax Work-off Guidelines: Deb Galloway requested support to raise the pay from \$8.00/hr. to \$9.00/hr. effective 1/1/15 to comply with the state minimum wage law resulting in increase of maximum tax credit from \$800.00 to \$900.00. Additionally Deb is requesting 10 of the 18 slots for the Veterans program be moved to the Seniors program as at this time, there are only 2 veterans in the

program and a waiting list for seniors. A unanimous vote of support for raising the minimum wage was provided and request will be presented to the Selectman for approval. Barry David made a motion for approval seconded by Bob May. Unanimously approved. A second motion to request that 10 of the 18 slots be moved from Veterans to Seniors at this time. Moved by Barry David and seconded by Bob Diefenbacher,. Unanimously approved. The property Tax Work-off Guidelines will be updated and presented to the Selectman.

Senior Center Program Revolving Account – Article for Annual Town Meeting (Attached): Warrant Moved by Alice S., seconded by Bob M. Unanimously approved. Article to be presented to town meeting.

MWRTA Revolving Account – Article for Annual Town Meeting (Council on Aging Van Transportation) (Attached): Warrant moved Alice S., second by Bob D. Unanimously approved. Article to be presented to town meeting.

Transportation Planning Team Report: (Alice Sapienza) Transportation survey underway. Report attached. Contacts sought at all 55+ communities to help organize focus groups. The COA will continue to be updated as the planning progresses.

Nominating Committee: Tabled until next meeting.

Petition Policy (Galloway, Ryan) deferred.

Tax Workoff group Report (Bob May): Brief report presented regarding leadership change. Issues at the Recycling Center discussed relating to signing of time cards, supervision/scheduling of Put N Take workers. In essence, Work-off Group is running a temp agency for the town resulting in many supervision and scheduling issues. Bob M. and Deb will continue to discuss and improve the process.

Remote Attendance: Jack reported that if remote attendance was allowed for the COA meetings, it would become a policy for other town committees and this is a concern for the town. The issue will be tabled at this time.

A vote for Adjournment was unanimous at 4:45 PM

Submitted by:
Patricia Tabloski, Secretary

Attachment One: Baypath Board Meeting
Attachment Two: Transportation Report
Attachment Three: Council on Aging Van Transportation Warrant Article Form
Attachment Four: Senior Center Revolving Fund Warrant Article Form
Next Regular Meeting: Tues Feb 3 from 3-5 PM