

TOWN OF SUDBURY
COUNCIL ON AGING
MINUTES OF MEETING
July 21, 2015

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Present: Chairman: Jack Ryan

Members: Bob Diefenbacher, Robert May, Patricia Tabloski, Phyllis Bially, Carmine Gentile, Debra Galloway, Melissa Immonen, John Beeler.

Excused: Barry David

Guest: Bob May

Meeting called to order by Secretary Patricia Tabloski at 3:05 PM

Minutes of June 2: Accepted.

Directors Report – Galloway 1). Updated board member list distributed. Standards of behavior for participation in activities distributed for discussion. 2). Standards apply to all who use the Senior Center included the cognitively impaired. Members will review and furnish comments to Deb before the next meeting. 3). Expanded MWRTA van services are working out well (in general). Most seniors are adjusting to the new procedures. MWRTA just opened new facility on Blandin Ave. Van driver training, CDL training, new call center, van maintenance, and corporate offices are located in the newly rehabbed offices. 4). The COA website that is under development will include the mission statement that is in need of updating. A draft will be distributed in the future. 5). Dementia-friendly communities proposal was discussed. 6). The 25th Anniversary Celebration will probably be held on October 1st. Harold Homefield, is the probable candidate to receive the Boston Post Cane.

Chairman's Report - Fairbank Community Center and Update – Ryan The current Sr. Center is becoming more in need of repair. Park & Rec has become energized and the current feeling is that the building is going to come down rather than being repaired. The greatest concern now is disruption and dislocation of current services to both Park & Rec and the Sr. Center. Reconstruction cannot be phased and the entire building will come down and services will have to be relocated. Haskell Field site will need US Dept of the Interior approval as state and federal monies were used to purchase the site. There is concern that pursuing Haskell will disqualify grant request for upgrade of Davis Field. Park & Rec does not wish to utilize Haskell field. Clarification of this matter will be pursued. Construction will take between 15 months & 2 years and no use can be made of the current building including the pool. Fairbanks Task Force will request an item on the town warrant for next May for design to begin the planning for construction of the new building to begin construction in the summer of 2017. Bob May, former

member of the COA, was chosen to assume a position on the Fairbanks Task Force to speak to the needs of Seniors as the planning proceeds. Phyllis Bially, John Beeler, Bob Diefenbacher have volunteered to serve as a sub committee. Alice Sapienza moved to accept the sub committee. Carmine Gentile seconded. The motion was unanimously supported.

BayPath Liaison Report – Tabloski Highlights of the June Board Meeting were distributed. (See Attachment 1).

Transportation Committee - Sapienza Handout on emerging issues of transportation circulated (See Attachment 2). . Key concerns: 1) Continuing surveying Srs. 2) Seeking funding to permanent position for transportation coordinator. Alice discussed if there is support for seed money to support a grant writer who could write proposals for funding. Potential funding services for a Outreach coordinator to coordinate van services and do outreach. The COA is supportive.

Website Update – Diefenbacher The website committee has met and explored the option of hiring Kathryn Dannay. We are awaiting information from the town IT specialist. We have the URL Sudbury Sr Center (separate from the town website). The new Logo was distributed showing linkages of arms (4 persons) from above.

Town Manager Search – May Mr. Gould has open discussions with town citizens last week and he planned to follow up with Selectman regarding the mechanics of the search process. The Selectman have asked Debra Galloway for the name of a representative. The person must be available on Aug. 22nd for the final advisory meeting. Bob Diefenbacher was selected to serve as the representative with Pat Tabloski as the back-up.

25th Anniversary/Boston Post Cane Ceremony – Galloway Discussed in Directors Report.

Set Date for next meeting – Sept 1, 3PM.

Motion to adjourn by Bob Diefenbacher and seconded by Phyllis Bially. Meeting adjourned at 5:20 PM.