

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

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Present: Chairman: Jack Ryan

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

Excused: Alice Sapienza, Barry David, Carmine Gentile.

Guests: Chuck Woodward, Sudbury Board of Selectman
Bob May

Meeting called to order by Chair Jack Ryan at 3:10 PM

Minutes of September 2, 2015: Accepted.

Guest Chuck Woodward – Chuck is our new liaison from the Board of Selectmen.

Updates: Sr. Tax Exemption has been extended for another 3 years from June 2016 to June 2019 but legislature has not made it permanent. Remote meeting attendance was to be drafted by previous town manager, Maureen Valente after checking with other towns to investigate their policies. New policy has not yet been drafted, but is still on the agenda. Phyllis to follow up with the new Chair of the Board of Selectman, Pat Brown. Raytheon property has a buyer (Avalon Homes) for 250 apartments, 55+ condos, a grocery store, assisted living, and various retail space. If the project proceeds as planned, we would be close to our 40B quota. This would benefit the town by allowing other town properties to be used for recreation and conservation in the future. Town center property has also been proposed for 40B housing (250 rental units). Concerns are traffic, increase in K-12 student population, and potential lack of demand for rental housing. Loring Parsonage is proposed to turn into a history center and art museum by the Sudbury Historical Society. Estimate is \$1 million to renovate the building. The state has approved \$290,000 towards the project and private fundraising will be undertaken. A committee has been appointed to study upgrades to town hall. A recommendation has not been forwarded to the Selectman. A town forum with a new interactive format will be held on November 9th will be held to discuss town growth and the Fairbanks Community Center, capital challenges of the town, and setting priorities. Chair Ryan has asked that Committee Chairs be notified of the date of the Forum in addition to Department **heads**. The contract for the new town manager will be signed tonight. Melissa Murphy-Rodrigues will start on November 1, 2015.

Directors Report – Galloway 1. 25th Anniversary celebration was held and was very successful. Boston Post Cane was presented to Harold Homefield, aged 96. 2. Transportation sub-committee met. 3. Sudbury COA website continues under development. 4. Food for the annual planning meeting to be purchased for Sudbury Sr. Activities account as has been done in the past. The meeting will be held on Thursday,

November 5, 2015 with 5:30 dinner and 6PM-9 PM meeting. 5. Tax work-off group meeting was held and 60 slots for Srs and 8 for Veterans are to be filled. To date, 8 slots for Srs and 2 for veterans remain open. 6. Bridges Program for 3rd graders proceeding and not going well for some sessions. The challenge is that Sharon Wilkes is doing a lot of the work and it is greatly time consuming. The scheduling of senior volunteers and coordination of children coming to the Sr center for touring takes a lot of time. Melissa suggested Deborah contact the school for a PTA parent who might be willing to volunteer and help with the scheduling.

Chairman's Report - Fairbank Community Center and Update - Ryan & May Project is going into the next phase. Chair of the School Committee questioned the Fairbanks task force re the need to spend money on a new community center. FinCom representative to Fairbanks Task Force has requested information re income to be generated by the new Community Center and cost of the project. Chair Ryan would like to focus on the structural and programmatic issues at the current community center. Ryan asked for input from the COA members. Enhanced program plans were distributed. Size of the Sr Center based on the growing older adult population was presented. Discussion ensued.

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

Transportation Committee - Tabloski Tabled. Summary document attached (See Attachment 2) for discussion at next meeting.

Website Update - Diefenbacher Tabled

COA Bylaws - Beeler Tabled until next meeting.

New Access to Town Counsel Guidelines Tabled.

Strategic Planning Session to be held on Thursday Nov 5th. Dinner will be at 5:30 PM and strategic planning will be held from 6-9 PM. Bob Diefenbacher will lead the session again this year.

Other Comments/Ideas - None

Set Date for next meeting - Thursday, November 12, 3PM.

Motion to adjourn by Bob Diefenbacher and seconded by Phyllis Bially. Meeting adjourned at 5:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Patricia Tabloski, COA Board Secretary