

TOWN OF SUDBURY  
COUNCIL ON AGING  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
January 14, 2016

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**Present: Chairman:** Jack Ryan

**Members:** Bob Diefenbacher, Patricia Tabloski, Phyllis Bially, Debra Galloway, Melissa Immonen, Carmen Gentile, John Beeler, Barry David, Alice Sapienza.

**Guests:** Sam Merra, President Elect Friends of the Sudbury Senior Center; Bob May

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

**Minutes of December 10, 2015: Accepted.**

**Guest Sam Merra**

**Directors Report – Galloway** – 1. Deb has requested increase to the Tax Workoff salary to 100 hours get \$1000 in tax credits in 2017. Selectman approved. 2. Zachary Shapiro presented at Town Meeting regarding transportation needs of older and disabled adults. Susan Iulianno researched and reported and introduced Zachary's presentation. Presentation went well and the BOS wants Deb to report back in a few months to present COA progress. 3. Catherine (web site editor) is scheduling conference call to ensure that the website is compatible with our server. Migration encountered some problems and another conference call has been scheduled to resolve these problems. 4. Trips account has not been moved to a revolving account. Further clarification will be sought. 5. New session of Bridges started this week at Noyes School. All volunteer slots are full. Next session will be at Loring in May.

**Chairman's Report – Ryan – Fairbanks Community Center-** The issue has become more urgent. Girls bathroom floor buckled as a result of water seepage. Portions of the building could be shut down. Permanent building committee feels we should ask for design funds and proceed with planning. Projected cost to put a new roof on the building to maintain it is about \$1 million. Plans to expand the new Fairbanks Comm Center included an expanded gym, a walking/running track, therapy pool, a 2<sup>nd</sup> pool for families. Dislocation plans discussed including adding a 2<sup>nd</sup> floor to the new building (perhaps to accommodate School Committee offices), and using the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor (smaller footprint) to house seniors/park and rec while the old building is taken down and rebuilt. Discussion ensued. **Motion:** The COA supports the request to be presented at the Spring town meeting to construct a new Community Center at Fairbanks in the range of 2-3 million \$. Carmine Gentile proposed. Bob Diefenbacher seconded. Vote: Unanimous support.

**Senior Tax Relief** – Gentile. House enacted Sr. Tax relief yesterday. Governor will sign shortly. Warrant article will go for approval at the March general election and and the Spring Town meeting.

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

**Friends Membership – Merra** Friends is requesting an infusion of new ideas and new people to bolster Friends. Friends raises funds and request support newsletter for COA (\$17-18,000/yr). Previously, Friends have furnished the Sr. Center and purchased AV equipment. Ideas suggested for recruitment of new members. Discussion ensued.

**Transportation Committee – Sapienza/Galloway** - Discussion of Transportation Report ensued (See Attachment 2). Options discussed for use of \$80,000 in funds that Sudbury has “left on the table” in the past from the MWRTA. Sub-Committee will develop options to be presented at the next meeting.

**Bridges – Diefenbacher - Beeler** – Program needs evaluation and perhaps modification based on presentation to children in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Schools may be interested in program for the Junior High.

**Remote Participation - Bially** - Remote participation approved by the selectman for all town committees. The new requirement is that all documents must be presented 48 hours prior to the meeting. Phyllis will attend remotely in March, 2016.

**Treasurer’s Report** – Not discussed.

**Town Warrant Renewals-** Galloway - Revolving COA account Programs / MetroWest Revolving Account.

Conflict of Interest/Ethics Training – must be completed every 2 years. All COA members reminded to complete the on-line training.

**Other Comments/Ideas – None**

**Set Date for next meeting – Thursday, February 11, 3PM.**

Motion to adjourn by Bob Diefenbacher and seconded by Phyllis Bially.  
Meeting adjourned at 5:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Patricia Tabloski, COA Board Secretary