

TOWN OF SUDBURY
COUNCIL ON AGING
MINUTES OF MEETING
March 10, 2016

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Present: Chairman: Jack Ryan

Members: Bob Diefenbacher, Patricia Tabloski, Debra Galloway, Melissa Immonen, John Beeler, Alice Sapienza, Carmine Gentile, Phyllis Bially (remote).

Absent: Barry David

Guest: Jim Kelly, Ralph Tyler

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

Minutes of February 11, 2016: Accepted with edits. Moved Diefenbacher, Seconded Sapienza.

Fairbanks Update- Ryan/Kelly - Chair Ryan & Jim Kelly presented to the Board of Selectmen. Draft circulated of Future of the Sudbury Senior Center (Appendix A). Discussion ensued. Key points: Fairbanks building the only 1950s building left in town and it is failing. Roof continues to fail and water is entering and Jim Kelly is unsure where water is leaking into after entering. Three options for the new community center are presented. Option 3 (60,000 sq. feet) (estimated cost \$23 M) was endorsed by the Fairbanks task force. Chair Ryan presented the conceptual plan for option 3. Funds for construction management and design in the first year are about \$1.5M. This will allow for accurate estimate of construction. Issues: expanded gym, lap and therapeutic pools, addition of 2nd floor. Publicity will start soon including an article in the *Senior Scene*, letters in the *Town Crier* and presentation and town forums on 4/14. COA asked to write letters to the editor highlighting issues of aging. Carmine and Phyllis volunteered to write letters. Cost analysis is underway for operating expenses. Differences are thought to be negligible as many costs would remain stable and expanded services would attract more seniors. Driving forces: condition of current building; capital costs; needs of Sudbury children & seniors (park & rec and Senior Center). Sign up sheet will be circulated for COA tours.

Question 1 Town Election March 28th. Pat to write op-ed for the *Town Crier*. Guest Ralph Tyler presented copies of Question 1 to authorize the Senior Tax write off option for another 2 years.

Directors Report – Galloway – 1. So far 22 transportation surveys and additional comments received. Deb will meet with the transportation committee for further

discussion. Charlie card sign up scheduled for 4/11. MWRTA representatives planning a field trip to Sudbury on 4/26. Four info sessions planned at Longfellow Glen, Musketahquid, Coolidge at Sudbury and the Sudbury Senior Center. 2. Deb will visit the Sr. Center at Marlborough. It serves 7,000 people over 60 and is 25,000 sq feet. She reports the fitness programs are maxed out and the center contains a billiards and a computer room. 3. Bridges part-time coordinator found. 4. Website progressing. Estimated date to go live is Monday, March 14th.

BayPath Liaison Report – Tabloski Highlights of the January Board Meeting were distributed. (See Attachment 2).

Transportation – Sapienza - Options in packet (Attachment 3). Should be posted on website and in housing developments. Puts transportation in visible place for information.

Housing Report – Sapienza – Attended meeting run by Jody Kablak. Summary distributed of Sudbury Housing Workshop report (attachment 4). Discussion ensued. Also distributed the January 28 report of the Sudbury Housing Trust (attachment 5).

Treasurer Report – Sudbury Council on Aging/Sr. Center financial reports distributed (attachment 6 & 7). Sudbury Sr. Activities account will be dissolved and transferred to Friends of the Sudbury Senior Center.

COA Bylaws – Beeler - Tabled to next meeting.

Bridges – Diefenbacher - See Report (attachment 8). Program may be in need of restructuring. Another meeting will be held on 4/11 to discuss the issues related to the program.

Other Comments/Ideas – None

Date for Next Meeting – April 14, 2016 at 3:00 PM.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Patricia Tabloski, COA Board Secretary