

TOWN OF SUDBURY
COUNCIL ON AGING
MINUTES OF MEETING
Special Meeting
March 31, 2016

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

Present: Chairman: Jack Ryan

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

Members Absent: None

Guests: None

Meeting called to order by Co-Chair Barry David at 4:00 PM

**Discussion of Proposed Fairbank Community Center Task Force
(Ryan/Galloway)**

Presentation of new option 4B. Option 4B is larger than the previous plan (option 3). Option 3 means that Parks & Recreation Dept. and Senior Center would have to leave the current building during construction. Further, the current pool is inadequate for competitive swimming and viewing competitions and more space is needed for a family pool. Jack Ryan called meeting to notify COA that he is preparing to meet with Capital improvement Committee, Finance Com and Board of Selectman on April 11th. Article 33 to be presented at May town meeting is only seeking design costs. Current projection is that \$12m is needed over the next ten years to maintain the current building. Design costs projected to be approximately \$1.5M and would provide data to make an accurate construction cost estimate. Sudbury may be underfunding the senior center and we should include some funding to analyze operating costs and expenses. Sudbury Public Schools Administrative offices might be housed on the 2nd floor and that may be more cost effective than building elsewhere in town or buying an additional building.

Chair Ryan also reported he met with the Park & Recreation Commission. The Commission seems split with some members supporting construction of the new community center and others more conservative with worries about increased operating costs and disruption of services during construction. Discussion ensued.

Chair Ryan sought COA opinions on the 4B option. COA felt it is intuitive to have SPS administrative offices in new building. Discussion ensued regarding "shared space" in conceptual diagram. Also discussed, space needs that must be dedicated to the Sr Center and the growing numbers of older people projected for Sudbury.

The general consensus is that COA members support seeking funds for additional design fees. COA members are urged to write letters to the editor of the *Town Crier* to raise awareness in town.

Set Date for next meeting - Thursday, April 14, 3:00 PM.

Motion to adjourn by Bob Diefenbacher and seconded by John Beeler.
Meeting adjourned at 5:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Tabloski, COA Board Secretary