

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

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**Present: Chairman:** Jack Ryan

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

**Absent:** Carmine Gentile, Phyllis Bially.

**Guest:** Jonathan Ginsberg

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

**Minutes of March 10, 2016: Accepted with edits.** Moved Diefenbacher, Seconded Sapienza.

**Presentation of Meadow Walk Project** – See Attachment 1. J. Ginsberg reported project before planning board. Eventually project will go to Town Meeting for approval. Project will contain a Whole Foods Market and additional retail. Avalon Bay is the venture partner. Rental housing, village style town houses, 1 & 2 bedroom units and a few 3 bedroom units. Condominium style housing, memory care & assisted living (48 units) and age restricted housing (garden style and townhouse) for active adults. Presented to BOS on 3/22. Will generate tax income \$1.7M in revenue for the town. Net will be over \$680,000 to town after \$1m in cost for community services. Discussion ensued.

**Directors Report** – Deb reported we are moving forward with expanded transportation services. Four info sessions were held in town and a field trip run is planned for 4/26 with MWRTA representatives to test the system. Charlie Card event was held last Monday. 35 seniors attended and received Charlie Card for MBTA. Town forum today held at 10AM and another will be held tonight at 7:30 PM. The presentation will have a live feed tonight. The website [sudburyseniorcenter.org](http://sudburyseniorcenter.org) is up and running. The COA is urged to visit the website and provide feedback to Deb. Sudbury Sr. Activities account will be transferred to the town revolving account. Small petty cash account will be held for Friends.

**Baypath Report** - Pat Tabloski reported on the March meeting. See attachment 1. Concerns remain over the state budget and funding for home care.

**Fairbanks Update- Ryan-** Chair Ryan presented Fairbank Community Center updates. COA is assuming a leadership position and has taken a firm stand for the

need for a new Community Center, increased transportation, affordable housing and other issues in Sudbury that impact Sudbury Seniors.

**Status of Lights and Walkways.** –Bially - Tabled.

**Transportation** – Sapienza – Deb & Alice will formulate an article for Town Ccommittee listing transportation options but not endorsing them. See Attachment 2. Barry, Deb & Alice attended an Uber meeting and discussed a Gainesville FL test site and arranges on- demand rides for seniors and disabled younger adults. The town of Gainesville subsidized \$15,000 to fund a pilot. Uber will provide handicapped accessible vehicles. Alice recommended a Living and Aging in Newton report for discussion. The link to the pdf is <http://www.newtonma.gov/civicax/filebank/documents/74184> Alice asked the COA if we should pursue a more formal approach and formulate a similar report in Sudbury. Discussion ensued.

**Bridges Program** – Diefenbacher – The only option available is the after school program. Current materials can be edited for use in grades 4 & 5. Parents will be charged \$50.00 per child. This is projected to start in October 2016. Bob & Deb will meet with school and teachers again to develop a framework for a revised program.

**Website Update-** Diefenbacher – Discussed in Directors report.

**Policy for Agencies wanting to present/Sponsor at Senior Center – Tabled.**

**Nominating Committee re: status of member** – Ryan. Phyllis Bially will resign from the COA at the end of May. Nominating committee Bob Diefenbacher, Barry David, and Melissa Immonen will form the nominating committee to replace Phyllis Bially.

**Date for Next Meeting – May 12, 2016 at 3:00 PM.**

Motion to adjourn by Bob Diefenbacher and seconded by John Beeler.  
Meeting adjourned at 4:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Patricia Tabloski, COA Board Secretary