

TOWN OF SUDBURY
COUNCIL ON AGING
MINUTES OF MEETING
May 12, 2016

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Present: Chairman: Jack Ryan

Director: Debra Galloway

Members: Bob Diefenbacher, Patricia Tabloski, Melissa Immonen, John Beeler, Alice Sapienza, Barry David, Carmine Gentile.

Absent: Phyllis Bially.

Guests: Don Oasis, Sam Merra, Martha Dow, Ron Riggert.

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

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

Directors Report – 1. Volunteer luncheon will be next Wednesday May 18th. Registration so far is 80-85 people. Friends sponsor the luncheon and gift cards at the event. 2. The Dementia Friendly Community idea is progressing. Ideas can be expanded to be older person friendly more generally. 3. New class “*History of Hitler’s Empire*” started Tuesday with over 50 persons attending. New group will start next Monday “*Buried in Treasures*” (Hoarding Support Group). Seven (7) came to the information session regarding this offering. Marian Ryan, Middlesex DA, spoke last Monday discussing “*Safe Banking & Avoiding Scams*”. 4. A test run was taken with Carl from MWRTA program. They left Shulman House but van to Framingham was late and involved a change of buses. The test run was not a complete success. 5. Website development – online registration and payment for the Hitler program was successful. Two more programs with online registration are planned for June. 6. The COA dinner will be held on June 9th. Planning is underway.

Fairbanks Update- Ryan- Chair Ryan presented Fairbank Community Center updates. An info session was held with Drs. Pat Tabloski & Joe Coughlin to update the Task force regarding issues of aging and the desirability of keeping a community centered focus with all generations welcomed. Shortly afterward, the Finance Committee voted 6-0 to not support article 33 (\$1.2M for design fees). Plans to keep the FinCom informed are underway. The Board of Selectman has not taken a vote to approve article 33 but we feel that their feelings are positive. Capital Improvement Advisory Comm voted 2-2 to support Article 33. Given this information, a decision was made to withdraw Article 33 and present it at the June 13 special town meeting. Additionally, another town meeting will be held in October. This will allow ongoing planning over the summer. The Board of Selectman has been asked to make a decision whether Sudbury Public Schools will remain in the new Community Center. Without SPS administration Option 3 costs \$23 million and Option 4 costs \$31 million. With SPS the cost of Option 3 is \$27 million and the cost of Option 4 is \$35 million. Ballard King developed an operating cost paradigm that is revenue neutral as

instructed by the town manager. Parks & Rec voted 3-2 against Article 33. They feel that the current building will be fine with roof repair. Plans are underway to arrange a meeting with the P & R director and the COA director.

Baypath Report - Pat Tabloski reported on the April meeting. See Attachment 1.

Status of Lights and Walkways. –Gentile - Carmen met with Chief Nix regarding crosswalks in town. At some point, a traffic light will be installed at the Coolidge Place crossing.

COA Bylaws – Beeler- In June we will elect new officers. Discussion ensued regarding Bob May's representation of the COA to the Fairbank Task Force.

Transportation – Sapienza/Galloway– *Town Crier* article distributed (Living Longer, Driving Less – The options) See attachment 2. Jody Kablack is looking for discussion regarding the Meadowwalk Development . There will be age related condo's, assisted living, and Alzheimer's units. We would like to advocate for the developers to promise purchase and ongoing support of a transportation van . John Beeler, Alice and Pat will arrange a meeting with Jody Kablack for further discussion. Coolidge has asked to expand. UBER grant discussed. Would provide subsidized services to low income seniors and disabled Sudbury residents. Metrowest foundation solicited RFPs for pilot grant. Motion by Barry David: The COA support efforts by the Transportation Sub-committee to submit preliminary application to foundation. Seconded Diefenbacher. Unanimous support.

Website Update – Diefenbacher- Discussed in Directors report.

Bridges Program – Diefenbacher – Deb, Bob, Andrea met with SPS Superintendent – May 4th. One of the vice-principals is reworking the curriculum. On May 17 The Sudbury School Committee will hear a proposal for the Bridges program to become an after school program. The project will be piloted in Noyes & Loring Schools. The program will include 6 sessions, each 90 minutes long. Food can be served. Student activity fee of \$50. Open to 4th & 5th graders in October and November.

Nominating Committee – Ryan The nominating committee has not met. Discussion ensued.

Date for Next Meeting – June 9, 2016 at 3:00 PM.

Motion to adjourn by Bob Diefenbacher and seconded by John Beeler.
Meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Patricia Tabloski, COA Board Secretary