

**TOWN OF SUDBURY
COUNCIL ON AGING
MINUTES OF MEETING
June 9, 2016**

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Present: Chairman: Jack Ryan

Director: Debra Galloway

Members: Bob Diefenbacher, John Beeler, Alice Sapienza, Carmine Gentile.

Absent: Patricia Tabloski, Melissa Immonen, Barry David

Guests: Susan Iuliano, Don Oasis, Sam Merra, Cay Kuras, Joe Bausk

Meeting called to order by Chair Jack Ryan at 3:05 PM

Susan Iuliano, Chair: Board of Selectmen provided an overview of the Development Agreement with Meadow Walk developers and the articles to be voted upon at the Special Town Meeting Monday, June 13, 2016. A 2/3 vote is required to approve the Agreement at the Town Meeting. The Development meets the 40B goal in Sudbury probably through 2020, and increases the tax revenue over the Raytheon tax revenue by an estimated \$570-\$700 thousand annually. Copies of the Development Agreement were distributed to meeting attendees. The COA discussed the mitigation benefits to the town with Susan. The discussion included the difference between one-time benefits in the Development Agreement, and the ongoing costs to the town and particularly as they affect COA interests going forward. The current population of seniors in Sudbury is 23%, and is projected to reach 25% in a few years.

Susan said the Planning Board is including a list of town entities supporting the Agreement and offered to include the COA on the list.

MOVED by Gentile, SECONDED by Diefenbacher: The COA supports Articles 1, 2, and 3 in the Special Town Meeting June 13, 2016. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes of May 12, 2016: Were unanimously accepted.

Community Center Update: Ryan reported that an additional \$50,000 for design work to finalize the proposed conceptual design for the Community Center was provided by FinCom and the funds are to be appropriated and approved by the BOS on June 28. The Community Center Task Force is to be reconstituted with 7-9 members including two from the BOS and two each from Park & Rec., Sudbury Schools, and the COA.

MOVED by Diefenbacher, SECONDED by Gentile that the COA appointees to the reconstituted Community Center Task force are Jack Ryan and John Beeler. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The COA members thanked Susan Iuliano for her involvement and support of the Task Force and the COA.

Discussion and vote on agenda item (3): the minimum amount of space the COA will accept in a new Community Center was postponed until the July COA meeting.

Director's Report: Volunteer Luncheon well attended by about 95 volunteers. Added transportation hours were started May 17 and have been used by two people so far. Issues with MWRTA related to this new offering have been ironed out. The deadline for a grant proposal for the UBER pilot in Sudbury is June 15, but may be extended for us if proposal not ready. Coolidge is a possible partner in the pilot. The COA discussed providing Cricket cell phones to potential senior UBER users who do not own cell phones. Other current and planned COA programs were presented and discussed.

The BayPath Liaison Report was skipped because Pat Tabloski was not present.

Update and Discussion of proposed Phase II of Coolidge: COA must advocate for appropriate mitigation sooner ensuring van and social service needs are met. Some current Coolidge residents are having financial difficulties, and support agencies not keeping up with Coolidge residents' support in all cases. Sapienza will find out how to influence the mitigation agreement for Coolidge Phase II. Diefenbacher will check with BOS member Chuck Woodard to determine those involved in developing the mitigation agreement with this project.

Remote participation in town meetings for persons with temporary or permanent disability: Gentile will discuss closed captioning for the TV broadcasts with Sudbury TV and report back.

The next COA meeting will be July 14, 2016 at 3:00 PM in the Sudbury Senior Center.

MOVED to adjourn unanimously approved at 4:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert H. Diefenbacher
COA Temporary Secretary