

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

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**Present: Chairman:** Jack Ryan

**Director:** Debra Galloway

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

**Excused:** Bob Diefenbacher.

**Guests:** Carolyn Markuson

Fran Bakstran, BayPath Elder Services

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

**Minutes of October 13, 2016: Accepted.** Moved Gentile, Seconded May.

**Director's Report – 1.** Veterans' luncheon held today. Approximately 67 attended. **2.** Lee Goodman met with Debra to discuss bus service in Sudbury. **3.** Sudbury Foundation grant application distributed. **4.** Some town offices open late on Tuesday and close at 12:30 on Friday. Deb wondered if the COA should try to do the same. Discussion ensued. **5.** First session of LINC now underway. Celebration will be held at Sr. Center on Dec. 1. **6.** Wayside Inn luncheon will be held on Dec. 7, holiday luncheon on Dec 14 in the Gym at the Fairbank Center. Harpist will entertain at the holiday luncheon. **7.** Ageless Grace instructor will conduct 2 classes at the COA this December. **8.** Death Café held at Goodnow Library in October. It was well attended.

**BayPath Report – Fran Backstran.** Overview of BayPath Services presented. The federal government requires each town in the service area conduct a need assessment every 4 years. Fran is requesting our cooperation. Surveys were presented and distributed to COA members. Fran is requesting surveys be returned by mid-December. Discussion ensued.

**BayPath Liaison Report – Tabloski** Planning for the Dementia Friendly Community effort to start shortly. Budgetary concerns persist regarding care of the home-bound elderly. There is uncertainty about the future of the Medicare program given the outcome of the presidential election.

**Transportation – Sapienza, Galloway - 1.** Coolidge expansion letter distributed in response to the COA letter drafted in October. Discussion ensued. Chair Ryan will follow up with the zoning board and we will move

the process forward to address ongoing transportation and planning issues. 2. UBER project is on hold. Administrative issues need to be resolved. The project will hopefully be resolved after the holidays. 3. Deb met with the MWRTA to discuss the growing needs of Sudbury and the potential Rte. 20 bus service. Crosstown Connect (Maynard, Acton, Littleton, Stowe) invited Deb to a board meeting. 4. Extended hours pilot with the Sudbury COA van will be extended for 6 more months based on expanded usage. Currently 11 riders utilizing evening and early morning services.

**Age Friendly (Sapienza/Tabloski)** - Needs assessment discussed. Letter drafted to BOS. Motion to endorse letter proposed by May, seconded by Immonen. Motion passed unanimously.

**Intergenerational Update – Galloway - Tabled.**

**Fairbank Community Center – Ryan** – Update on planning for a new community center presented by Chair Ryan. BOS would like to meet with the Planning Committee to gain information. Options: Do nothing but repair the roof of the present building: Option 1: Tear down the wing leading to the pool and rebuild that area. Option Two: Estimated cost \$12M: Option Three: 23\$m build on south side of present building. Option 3 would not disrupt services at the Sr. Center. Some are advocating for a new feasibility study. Others see that as repetitious and original planning can be utilized. Discussion ensued. Goal to bring discussion to Town Meeting in Oct. 17.

**Senior Center Standards – Galloway** - Edited Standards distributed. (See Appendix A). Motion to approve by Beeler; seconded: Gentile. Motion passed unanimous.

**Other Comments/Ideas - None**

Motion to adjourn by Barry and seconded by John Beeler.  
Meeting adjourned at 4:50 PM.

**Date for Next Meeting – December 8, 2016 at 3:00 PM.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Patricia Tabloski, COA Board Secretary