

TOWN OF SUDBURY
COUNCIL ON AGING
MINUTES OF MEETING
January 12, 2017

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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, Bob Diefenbacher, Bob May.

Excused: None.

Guests: None

Meeting called to order by Co-Chair Barry David at 3:00 PM

Minutes of December 8, 2016: Accepted. Moved Gentile, Seconded May.

Director's Report – 1. New outreach staff person to start next Tuesday. Ana Cristina Oliveira has lots of experience and has managed complicated cases including hoarding, etc. Her experience will be helpful as Sudbury has a new town planner and new social worker. **2.** Anne Manning is continuing as a part-time person for organization of support groups and other activities (5 hours/week). **3.** The COA Board is devising a list of town officials and community leaders we would like to invite as guests to ongoing COA meetings so we can plan our schedule throughout the year. Potentials include the Melissa Rodrigues, Town Manager, and other key town officials. **4.** Uber grant meeting scheduled for today was cancelled. Deb is working on rescheduling this meeting.

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

Treasurer's Report – Immonen – Budget distributed. See Attachment A. Discussion ensued. General expense account will be cut next year and most programs are self-supporting.

Coolidge II/Zoning Board - Sapienza - **1.** Meeting was held last Monday. Alice presented transportation needs at the meeting. At this point, Coolidge officials are unwilling to commit to long-term funding of a van. As transportation needs in Sudbury will probably continue to grow many COA

Board members expressed concern. A concrete plan has not been developed or submitted as of this point, but the COA Board will continue to pursue planning and development of a plan to meet the transportation needs of Sudbury seniors and those with disabilities. Discussion ensued.

Age-Friendly/Needs Assessment – Sapienza – 1. Town is beginning to plan for a needs assessment to guide town growth and need for services and supports for older adults. Meeting will be scheduled with Chuck Woodward, needs assessment experts from UMass, select COA members and other community leaders to begin the needs assessment planning process.

LINC Program Update – Diefenbacher - Preliminary meeting was held to evaluate the updated LINC pilot program held in the Fall. An evaluation was done and comments from the participants were assembled. Deb will coordinate a meeting with the teachers who participated in the program and changes may be made to the program based on feedback.

Fairbank Community Center – Ryan – A sized-down plan was developed for the Fairbank Building Committee as a compromise. The Selectman's Meeting in December resulted in the suggestion to develop a compromise plan. A town working group will assemble to provide town input into planning. Concerns exist about sizing down the building to a point where it will no longer meet the needs of Sudbury seniors. The Fairbank Task force has cancelled the last 2 meetings. Frustration expressed by COA members as the planning process is not moving forward. Discussion ensued.

Other Comments/Ideas - None

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

Date for Next Meeting – February 2, 2017 at 3:00 PM. Town Manager, Melissa Rodriques will be invited to attend.

Respectfully Submitted,
Patricia Tabloski, COA Board Secretary