

TOWN OF SUDBURY
COUNCIL ON AGING
MINUTES OF MEETING
February 2, 2017

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Present: Chairman: Jack Ryan

Director: Debra Galloway

Members Present: Patricia Tabloski, John Beeler, Alice Sapienza, Melissa Immonen, Bob Diefenbacher.

Absent: Barry David, Carmine Gentile, Bob May.

Guests: Melissa Murphy-Rodrigues, Town Manager

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

Minutes of January 12, 2017: Accepted. Moved Sapienza, Seconded Diefenbacher.

Discussion with town manager: Guest Melissa Murphy-Rodrigues –

Topics: Senior Demographics; Senior Services: COA/Senior Center; Current Issues – new 55+ housing construction, community center renovation, lump sum grants, transportation. The COA requested that Melissa take a 2nd look at the Sr. Center budget with an eye to restoring some of the general expense funds cut by 44% from 2017-18 budget.

Summary Materials : Distributed regarding town demographics (See Attachment A). Discussion ensued.

Coolidge/Zoning Board (Sapienza) – The ZB continues to work with Coolidge officials around transportation issues.

Transportation (Sapienza, Galloway) Deb had a conference call with UBER. Software issues still need to be worked out. Our grant application has been submitted and we are awaiting feedback. We will pursue other options for on-demand service.

Age-Friendly/Needs Assessment (Sapienza/Tabloski) - Funding opportunities for the needs assessment discussed.

LINC Program Update (Diefenbacher) Meeting with Asst Superintendent of SPS with positive results. A summary report with feedback from Seniors was presented and modifications to the program were planned. The next session (with revisions) will start in April at Nixon and Loring.

Nominating Committee (Ryan) There will be one open position next year on the COA. Bob Diefenbacher, Melissa Immomen, and Barry David will serve as nominating committee to fill the slot open next year.

Fairbank Community Center - (Ryan) Town Staff Meeting will be held to discuss options for the Fairbanks Task Force.

Director's Report – 1. Forms distributed for signature for the MWRTA and Activities revolving account approval. 2. Deb suggested that one day per month the van will transport wheelchair bound Sudbury residents to Emerson Hospital for medical appointments on a trial basis. Discussion ensued. Decided further evaluation and planning needed. 3. Deb attended a training session on Unified Command (town planning for disaster). Another session is scheduled for this month. 4. Chinese American Association of Sudbury has reached out to Deb and will come to offer singing and entertainment to Chinese Americans visiting the Senior Center. Anna Cristina will help coordinate programs. 5. Deb has delayed the start of the Dementia Friendly Initiative. Will continue to plan the development and include in Sudbury's age-friendly initiative. 6. Bruce Freeman rail trail committee would like to visit the COA on March 9th.

BayPath Liaison Report – Tabloski – See attachment B.

Motion to Adjourn: Beeler moved, Immonen seconded.

Date for Next Meeting – March 9, 2017 at 3:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Patricia Tabloski, COA Board Secretary