

TOWN OF SUDBURY  
COUNCIL ON AGING  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
March 9, 2017

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**Present: Chairman:** Jack Ryan

**Director:** Debra Galloway

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

**Absent:** Barry David, Carmine Gentile.

**Guests:** Beth Suedemeyer: Bruce Freeman Rail Trail Committee.

Ana Cristina Oliveira: New Outreach Information Specialist

Don Oasis, Cay Kuras, Joseph Bausk

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

**Minutes of February 2, 2017: Accepted.** Moved Sapienza, Seconded Diefenbacher.

**Jack Ryan** announced he will be stepping down as Chair due to upcoming medical issues.

**Discussion with Beth Suedemeyer:** Overview of the Rail Trail presented. Discussion ensued.

**Discussion with Ana Cristina Oliveira:** Outreach Information Specialist. Ana Cristina introduced herself and stated she is excited to be working with us in Sudbury.

**Update on Town Initiatives** – Sapienza: A meeting will be held with town planners regarding the needs assessment and other issues of importance to the COA. List of town initiatives circulated (See attachment A). Bob Diefenbacher reported that the Friends of Sudbury Seniors voted to allot \$3,000 toward the cost of a Needs Assessment, provided other entities also contribute.

**Transportation** Sapienza - Coolidge has committed to provide \$10,000 as mitigation of the impact on the town for senior residents who will utilize COA services. (See attachment B).

**Health Care Reform and Advocacy** – Tabloski – Talking points distributed. See Attachment C.

**Uber Demonstration Update** – Galloway – Project has moved forward. Metrowest Health Foundation is ready to transfer the money. Details regarding the financial transfer are in progress. Announcement planned for the Sr. Center newsletter to promote the project.

**Welcoming Senior Center** – Galloway- Initiative of the COA to make everyone feel welcome is underway. Training will be held on May 23 at Westboro Sr. Center from 10AM to 3PM. Volunteers will be recruited to attend with Deb.

**Proposal to Increase Room Rental Rates** - Galloway – Current rental rates include up to 4 hours \$30.00, over 4 hours \$60.00. Several private groups meet regularly at the Senior Center (community groups do not pay fees). Proposed rate \$50.00 for up to 4 and \$100.00 for over 4 hours. Moved to approve by Diefenbacher /Seconded by Sapienza. Passed unanimously.

**Director's Report** – Galloway – 1. Curriculum revision for LINC is underway. Next session starts week of April 24 at Nixon and Loring Schools. Book Buddies program will also be rejuvenated in the Spring. 2. Fairbank Community Center – Deb met with Town Manager, Finance Director, Park and Recreation Director, Facilities Director, and they advise that we need to scale the program down to a cost of \$15 million for a plan involving renovation or rebuilding part of the current building. Discussion ensued. 3. Happy Seniors Club – Chinese American Club has requested to visit Tues AM for activities. 4. St. Patrick's luncheon will be next Thursday at noon. Irish band will play. 5. Buried in Treasures presentation will be held March 31 at 1PM and the Support group (for hoarding disorder) will start to meet on Friday, April 7 from 1-3pm for 15 weeks.

**BayPath Liaison Report – Tabloski** – BayPath is projected to have a budget deficit this fiscal year. Uncertainty continues regarding the state budget.

**Treasurer's Report** – Immonen – Financial report distributed – See Attachment D. Discussion ensued.

**Fairbanks Community Center** – Ryan/Beeler - Jack presented an update of the activities carried out by the Fairbank Task Force. Discussion ensued.

**Motion:** The COA will ask the Board of Selectmen to dissolve the Fairbank Task Force and turn the planning over to the Sudbury Permanent Building Committee. The Fairbank Task Force has completed the work necessary to bring all interested groups together and the next phase needs the design and expertise that PBC can provide. The Fairbank Task Force has not advanced the work over the last 6 months and the COA wants to advance the project to make sure the needs of seniors will be met. Moved Ryan; seconded Beeler. Passed Unanimously.

Beeler presented a plan to add administrative office space for Sr. Center staff.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Beeler moved, Immonen seconded.

**Date for Next Meeting – April 13, 2017 at 3:00 PM.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Patricia Tabloski, COA Board Secretary